Soviets say U.S. ships violated waters

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union said Friday that two U.S. navy ships the Pentagon says were bumped by Soviet warships had violated the Soviet border. The Defence Ministry, in a statement carried by the TASS news agency, said the USS Caron and USS Yorktown bad penetrated seven kilometres into Soviet territorial waters. The statement did not mention any physical contact between the American and Soviet ships. "The U.S. ships did not react to warning signals of Soviet border guard ships and dangerously manoeuved in Soviet territorial waters," the ministry said. The statement said the incident occurred at 10:45 a.m. Moscow time in the Black Sea off the Crimean peninsula and that the American Defence Department said the Yorktown was slightly damaged. The U.S. Defence Department said the Yorktown and Caron had been "exercising their internationally-recognised right of innocent passage" through Soviet waters. But Moscow disputes the U.S. view of its rights in the Black Sea, home to the Soviet Union's large southern fleet. In 1986 Moscow protested to Washington over what it called a violation by U.S. warships of Soviet territorial rights in the Black Sea



Iraq says Israeli drone downed

NICOSIA (AP) — Irade said Friday its air defences shot down an unmanned remote control said is surveillance plane near the border with Saudi Arabia. There was no immediate comment from Israeli officials. The Iraqi New Agoncy (INA) quoted a military statement as saying the caircraft was "tamched by the Zionists to jam Iraqi air defences and monitor data for the hireling homeini regime." The statement said the craft was destroyed by Iraqi air defences near Al Maaniyah, a small outnost 300 kilometres southwest of Baghdad on the Saudi-Iraqi border, at 5:40 p.mi. (1444 GMT) The statement said the craft was launched from the "occupied arab eritories." It was believed to be the first reported Israeli intrusion into Iraqi air space since Israeli warplanes destroyed an uncompleted Iraqi quelear power station in 1981. From the nearest uncompleted Iraqi nuclear power station in 1981. From the nearest Israeli-held territory, such a craft would have to fly about 690 kilometres to reach the point where Iraq says it was downed. "We hereby hold the Zionist entity responsible for using this international air route for its aggressive intentions and thus endangering international air routes in total disregard for all laws and norms," Friday's Iraqi statement said.

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Hayden arrives today

AMMAN (Petra) — Australia's Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden is due here Saturday for a four-day official visit to Jordan during which he will meet senior officials and have talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Al Tahhaa' on regional and international issues of common concern, current developments in the region as well as hilateral relations and coopera-tion. During the visit Hayden will also visit a number of historical sites and development projects in the country.

Swedish minister to visit Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Sweden's Foreign Minister Sten Anderson is due here March 9 for a threeday official visit to Jordan, a Foreign Ministry official has announced. During the visit, Anderson will meet with senior officials and also hold talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri on hilateral relations and situa-tion in the Middle East, the announcement said Thursday.

Zawaydeh heads for IRF meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaydeh left for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Friday heading a Jordanian delegation to a regional meeting of the International Road Federation (IRF). The conference is organised by the Saudi Ministry of Communications in cooperation with the IRF.

Cairo stages march

CAIRO (R) - About 300 Muslim fundamentalists staged an illegal protest in Cairo Friday against the killing of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, witnesses said. The demonstrators emerged from a mosque after Friday prayers waving the Koran and shouting "Jerusalem is Islamic," and "Jihad (holy war) until death."

Bomb found aboard Gemayel's plane

BEIRUT (AP) — A bomh was found Friday in the cockpit of a jetliner that was to carry President Amin Gemayel on official visits to North Yemen and Sudan, Beirut airport officials said. "The bomh was safely defused by explosive experts at the airport." plosive experts at the airport, said one official. The Middle East Airlines (MEA) Boeing 707 was being readied to fly to Larnaca, Cyprus, to pick up Gemayel for his trip to Sanaa in North Yemen when the bomh was found at midafternoon, the official said.

Israel jams Radio Al Quds

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel has begun jamming a new Palestinian radio station after suggesting that it incites protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, radio monitor Michael Gurdus said Friday. Listeners in the West Bank who tried to tune into the station, Radio Al Quds, hroadcasting from Syria, Friday heard the Arahic service of Israel Radio instead, he said. The jamming began Thursday night hut the sta-tion could still be heard in northern Israel.

Haig quits race

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig withdrew from the Republican presidential race Friday and threw his support to Kansas Senator Boh Dole. (See page 8).

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Soldiers storm hospital, detain blood donors

Israeli troops kill 2 Arabs in Nablus

NABLUS, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators in the narrow streets of Nablus' outdoor market after noon prayers Friday, killing two Arabs and wounding at least 10 others.

Troops then hroke into the City's Al Ittihad hospital to beat and detain four Palestinians giving hlood, hospital officials said. The soldiers fired rubber hullets and hroke windows with their rifle butts to force their way into

Al Ittihad, the officials said on condition of anonymity. An AP reporter saw a six-inch hlood stain and several smaller stains on a wall where officials said the four were beaten, as well as five broken windows and one

ruhber hullet hole. Hospital officials said nine Arabs were wounded by gunfire in Friday's clash and another was unconscious after being beaten on the head,

The fatalities brought to 56 the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the Palestinian uprising erupted in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip nine weeks ago, according to United

Arabs also demonstrated in the occupied Gaza Strip and Jerusalem after noon prayers, hurling stones, blocking roads and unfurling the Palestinian flag.
The protest in Nahlus, the

West Bank's largest city where 120,000 Palestinians live, began around the central Nasr mosque after noon prayers. Initial reports said three people

were dead hut checks revealed that relatives moved the body of Basher Al Masri, 17, from Ittihad to another Nahlus hospital, Rafidiyah. Both hospitals reported the casualty to the press.

The clashes occurred in the narrow alleys of the Nahlus cashah. Palestinians pelted a patrol of Israeli soldiers with rocks, bottles, huilding blocks and

Some Palestinians stood on rooftops and threw stones down at Israeli soldiers patrolling below while others blocked roads with overturned dumpsters and hurning tyres, said foreign journalists

who witnessed the clash. Two Arabs threw firebombs at Israeli troops, according to Arah

reports.
The soldiers responded by firing teargas, ruhber bullets and then live ammunition, the foreign journalists said.

"I was praying at Nasr Mosque when it began. The soldiers threw teargas into the mosque com-pound," 32-year-old Mahedi Bus-tami told the AP from his bed at Al Ittihad.

A second demonstration broke out when about 300 Palestinians gathered in a hillside neighbour-hood to bury Masri, Arah witnesses told the AP.

They carried his body wrapped in the Palestinian flag, the witnesses said.

Army helicopters circled over-head and Arabs hurned tyres. Bursts of gunfire could be heard coming from the neighbourhood, apparently shots from soldiers. Just two days ago, the army lifted a 10-day curfew intended to restore calm to Nablus.

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Uncertainty shrouds ship of return'

By Lamis K. Andoni in Athens

THE PALESTINE Liberation Organisation (PLO) has set a 5 p.m. Saturday deadline for a final decision over a planned voyage to Palestine carrying Palestinians expelled from the occupied terri-

tories by Israel.

The PLO decision came after at least four Greek shipping com-panies and a Turkish firm said they were not willing to charter a

vessel for the voyage.
Negotiations with the Turkish company were conducted late into Friday night and an informed PLO source told the Jordan Times that the final word was refusal by the ship's owners after it became clear that any vessel carrying the Palestinians and their supporters risked Israeli wrath.

The PLO source said the organisation would either declare a definite departure time for the 'ship of return' or a new date Saturday evening. In the latter event, the source said, one of the options under consideration was a sit-in before the Israeli diplomatic mission here. Apparently, the PLO leadership was seeking to make good use of the presence here of a large number of foreign

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King visits Austrian industrial companies

VIENNA (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday vi-sited two Austrian industrial plants accompanied by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. The King, on the third day of a state visit to Austria, heard a briefing hy the director-general of one of the companies on its projects in

Jordan. One of the firms the King visited manufactures light milit-

ary equipment. Later Friday, the King, accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor, visited Vienna municipality where they were received by the mayor and were guests of honour at a lunch hosted by the

mayor.
The Queen paid a visit to an international music institute in Vienna Friday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Waldheim.

The King held formal talks Thursday with Austrian Chancellor Franz Vrantizky on the Middle East situation, the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied Arah territories and bilateral re-

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, quoted the King as saying that "Israel should realise that it cannot hope to continue its occupation through its repressive mea-

sures and the only solution to the Middle East problem lies in an international peace conference on the Middle East."

Vrantizky voiced Austria's support for the proposal for an international conference as the only means to achieve peace in the Middle East.

The chancellor also voiced appreciation of the success achieved during the Nov. 8-11 Arab summit held in Amman and the positive results and unified Arab stand that emerged from the conference.

The King and the chancellor agreed that Austrian-Jordanian relations should be further expanded in all fields.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side hy Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Ahu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Jordan's Amhassador in Vienna Adnan Al Talhouni. On the Austrian side the talks were attended by senior assistants to the Austrian chancellor and Austria's amhassador to Jordan.

Earlier Thursday the King paid a visit to the Austrian parliament. His Majesty briefed Austrian parliamentarians on developments in the Middle East.

Rifai reaffirms Jordan's position

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has reaffirmed Jordan's position vis-a-vis efforts for peace in the Middle East saying that Jordan views an international conference under U.N. auspices as the hest forum for pushing peace efforts forward and implementing United Nations Security Council Resolu-tions 242 and 338.

In an interview with British television, hroadcast Wednesday night and carried by Jordan Television Thursday, Rifai said Jor-dan insists that the role of the proposed peace conference should be continuous and should not he confined to one session

Answering a question on talks on Palestinian "self-rule" and whether such talks should follow the inaugural session of the conference, Rifai said any talks should he held within the framework on a continuous international conference and not within a one-time meeting. However,

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Syria said proposing 7-point Gulf peace plan

torium in attacks on Gulf shipping hy hoth sides, according to the Al Watan newspaper. Al Watan said Thursday Syria

has given the seven-point hluep-rint to Arah Gulf states, hut made no mention of their reac-

The plan, calling for the forma-tion of a "mediation panel" representing the United Nations and some neutral Islamic states, confirms reports that Syria has sought to persuade Iran not to carry out a new ground offensive

Iran, which retaliates by

against Iraq.

But it did not say if the "halt to all offensive operations" was meant to synchronise with the

moratorium on ship attacks.
Iraq has vowed to keep attacking Iranian tankers to choke off
Tehran's oil exports until Iran agrees to a comprehensive settle-

ment to end the war.

KUWAIT (AP) - Syria is seek- attacking neutral shipping linked ing to promote a two-stage peace to Arab Gulf states, insists that plan to end the Iran-Iraq war, Iraq must first be branded "the

The published blueprint said, without elaboration, that the mediation panel would look into "proposals and conditions" hy both sides.

It also meets an Iranian demand for war reparations after the fighting stops.

The Gulf Cooperation Council

— Saudi Arahia, Kuwait, Qatar,
Bahrain, Oman and the United

Arah Emirates - enlisted Syria's help to seek an end to the war. Syria activated its mediation bid in December as the GCC leaders agreed at their annual summit that the UAE president, Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, use his good offices with Iran for the peace mission. Gulf-hased Iranian diplomats have claimed positive developments in the efforts for a dialogue

ments in the efforts for a dialogue between the GCC and Iran.

Shultz due in Mideast in late February to push new initiative

Friday.

Shultz is expected to depart on or about Feh. 24, the department said in a statement. It did not say which countries be would visit.

Shultz's visit comes as the Reagan administration has outlined fresh ideas for reaching a settlement of the Middle East conflict including an internation.

conflict, including an international meeting designed to lead to direct Arab-Israeli talks. The proposals also involve

elections, possibly as early as next autumn, among Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for an administra-tive council that would have control over municipal and local affairs. Under the proposals, negotia-tions for a definitive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict would

start either late this year or early

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WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. officials said the proposals did not constitute a formal plan will visit the Middle East later this month in an effort to advance wanted to listen to ideas which efforts for peace in the region, other parties involved in the conthe State Department said flict might put forward.

If Shultz left for the Middle East on Feh. 24, that would he only one day after he is scheduled to complete talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders. After the Middle East trip,

Shultz will return to Washington to help President Reagan prepare for a summit meeting with West Enropean leaders in Brussels be-

Enropean leaders in Brussels beginning March 2.

Shultz usually spends one day in Brussels briefing the NATO allies immediately after he has completed a Moscow trip.

"Secretary Shultz will he travelling to the Middle East at the end of this month for the purpose of advancing the Middle

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purpose of advancing the Middle East peace process," the State Department statement said. "He expects to depart on or about The new U.S. initiative has met

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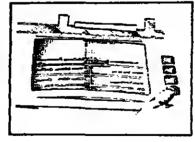
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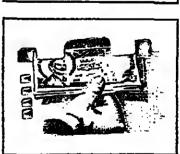
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Palestinian refugees deny claims of violence by Egyptians in Rafah military

RAFAH, Egypt (AP) — Palestinian refugees have expressed anger at Israeli reports that a peaceful demonstration a day earlier turned violent with Egyptian police firing indiscriminately at protesters.

Their statements seemed to refute claims by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Egyptian troops opened fire on demonstrators in the Rafah area bordering the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. Israel radio carried a

On Monday, the governor of northern Sinai, Mounir Shash, also denied the reports, hut a doctor at a nearby hospital said a civilian had been wounded in the hand by Egyptian police gunfire. and a policeman slightly injured in the lip during Sunday's demonstration.

"These are all lies. There were some demonstrations after we heard wailing from women in Gaza mourning their dead," said Attiya Ahdul Aziz Moussalem, Camp Canada's elderly mayor, better known among its inhabitants as Ahu Hikmet. Several hundred Palestinian

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli

army jailed an 18-year-old U.S.-

born conscript for 28 days for

refusing to serve in the occupied

territories, the soldier's mother

Charles Lenchner, an immig-

rant from Pittshurgh, USA, was

tried and sentenced Sunday after

rejecting an assignment to the

military border police in Arab

East Jerusalem, his mother, Eva

Lenchner, told the Associated

"Charles refused the assign-

ment because his conscience will

not allow him to enforce Israeli

rule over the Palestinians," said

Ms. Lenchner. "He said he will

not belp the Israeli government

told her Charles had been sent to

a prison south of Tel Aviv. She

said she had not spoken to him

since before his military trial

"I hope to be able to meet with

him, but I don't know if I will be

allowed to," sbe said. She said

she feared prison conditions

would be harsh hecause military

prisons have been filled to capac-

ity since mass arrests of Arah

school students about to be con-

scripted into the army in writing a

letter last September to Defence

Minister Yitzhak Rahin, warning

that they would refuse to carry

out "acts of repression" hy serv-

ing in the territories Israel occu-

pied in the 1967 Middle East war.

ly criticised the students for dis-

playing what they said was flag-

rant disregard for the law.

Rahin and other officials sharp-

Amit Levenboff, a leader of

Lencbner joined 15 other high

protesters began weeks ago.

Ms. Lenchner said authorities

impose its occupation.'

said Monday.

Israeli conscript jailed for

refusing post in occupied land

men, women and children held anti-Israeli demonstrations over the weekend along the chain-link and razored-barbed wire fence that separates their refugee camp from their families in the Israelioccupied territory.

The Palestinians here need to express their feelings and support. Egyptian forces stood by to secure the demonstration" he

Camp Canada, named after a United Nations Canadian peace keeping force that was once based on the site, is home to 50,000 Palestinians.

They were stranded there when Israel returned the Sinai peninsula to Egypt in 1982, and the two governments have since heen negotiating their transfer to the Gaza Strip.

Commenting on Shamir's remarks, Ahn Hikmet said "my feeling is that I am very angry

that Lenchner's arrest only

strengthened the resolve of the

other members to act on their

to go to jail, hut we are proud

that he stood up for his convic-

tions," Levenhoff told the AP.

and must stand np against the army. We will all follow his exam-

ple if we have to.

army.

"Charles showed that you can

Livenhoff said that since

September, the group had expanded to include 66 students

awaiting conscription into the

Lenchner, 18, immigrated to

Israel with his family in 1975 from

their home in Pittsburgh. The

family settled in Tel Aviv, and

Lenchner attended an American

high school in the nearby suhnrh

Ms. Lenchner said ber son's

refusal to serve in Arab East.

Jerusalem marked the second

time he turned down an assign-

ment in the territories. The first time, he received a suspended

sentence of one week, and was

warned be would be jailed if he

Ms. Lenchner said she sup-

ported her son's actions despite

killed at least 34 Palestinians

since the rebellion erupted in the

territories last Dec. g.

of Kfar Shmariyahu.

repeated the offense.

his punishment.

"We are very sorry Charles had

"There have been no deaths, nor clasbes, nor anything," he

Life seemed normal in the camp with no extra security

'Since the nprising started last month, every day we see across the wire our families being shot and tear-gassed," said a Palestinian youth who declined to he

named. "It was only normal that we should wish to demonstrate in support of our brothers under ression.

An elementary school teacher. who declined to be identified, complained that he had to stop class recently because of the teargas hlown across.

"We see them dropping tear bombs from helicopters on the other side, and most of the time the wind blows it over to our side. "The other day, I had to dis-

miss class because the tear gas became too much," he said. In the evenings, most of the male Palestinian refugees gather in homes to discuss the uprising of their relatives and friends only few hundred metres away. "Despite the gunfire, despite

the Israeli actions, we have to go back," Abu Hikmet said, echoing the views of most Palestinians in the camp.

"We cannot leave our country and leave to Israel the chance to create more settlements."

The weekend demonstrators carried hanners vowing to "return to Palestine," and chanted in spirit, in blood, we sacrifice for you, oh Palestine,

Youths said these were not the first since the troubles began on

They said there had heen minor scattered demonstrations over the past few weeks, all of them peaceful and with the approval of the Egyptian author-

They said they would organise another demonstration, with Egyptian cooperation, in answer to Shamir's allegations.

"We are merely protesting the Israeli action against our brothers," Abu Hikmet said.

Israel takes over power from Palestinian firm in Old City

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel began power supplying power to Jewish customers in Jerusalem's walled Old City overnight, cutting off Jewish homes in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank from a Palestinian grid.

A spokeswoman for the state-owned Israel Electric Corporation said on Tuesday the Jerusalem District Electric Company (JDEC) grid was disconnected at night partly to prevent protests by Palestinians opposed to the

"It was done overnight to be safe first of all, to prevent pro-tests. Secondly, it was done to prevent complications with a lack of electricity during the day," she told Renters.

The Israeli action followed two years of talks with JDEC, the largest Arah firm in the West Bank and long a symbol of Palestinian nationalism, over the firm's debts of \$30 million to the Israel Electric Company, which supplies it with 95 per cent of its cut.

JDEC's Jewish customers had complained of frequent power cuts hut the company said this was due to Israel's refusal to let it

huv new equipment.

Another two Jewish settlements in occupied Jerusalem, Mishor Adumim and Ma'aleh Adumim, were connected to the Israeli grid on Monday, the spokeswoman said.

Last month JDEC said it wanted to start buying power from Jordan and Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said be was in favour of the idea.

A total of 30,000 Jewish customers in settlements built after Israel occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war will now receive power from the Israeli company. Shahal said last month JDEC could continue supplying its 70,000 Palestinian customers and

Israel would compensate any

workers sacked because of the

Palestinian commandos have special operations. chemical weapons and will not hesitate to use them against Israel in future wars, a commando leader says.

'Charles feels that once you "Our interest in chemical cross over into the territories as a weapons is old... It is not somesoldier, you are immediately corrupted," Ms. Lenchner said. tbing new," Col. Mahmond Natour, code-named Abu Tayeh, You cannot serve there and be said in an interview in the latest issue of the Arabic monthly magazine Al Nasr, or victory, fair, because you are enforcing an unfair situation. He said he would which was published in Cyprus on not belp his government do that." Monday. Israeli troops have shot and

Col. Natour is the commander of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat's

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - crack "Forces 17" in charge of

He is a member of PLO's Military Council and was com mander of Palestinian forces in mainly Muslim west Beirut during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

He contended that Israel was also developing a chemical weapons arsenal as a "strategic first-strike deterrent" to be used as an alternative to its nuclear weapons.

Col. Natour said Israel is believed to have up to 50 nuclear warheads hut would only use them as a last resort.

Palestinians restrict operations

CAIRO (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat says PLO military leaders have decided to restrict military operations against Israeli military targets to southern Lebanon.

But Mr. Arafat in an interview published on Tuesday in Cairo's daily Al Akhar said the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had been orgamised by the PLO and would

Mr. Arafat said the PLO's military council on Jan. 9 agreed to avoid the use of arms in Gaza and the West Bank so as not to give Israel "an excuse to launch a massacre against the Palestinians.

The same body also decided to restrict military operations to South Lehanon, he added.

The PLO chief said the Palestinians needed international protection and help for the restoration of their rights. Israeli troops has shot dead 34 demonstrators in the occupied territories during the current revolt.

Mr. Arafat expressed hopes he would be able to meet Egyptian President Hosni Muharak in Cairo following his current tour in the Gulf states and before his scheduled visit to Washington and Western Europe later this

Mr. Arafat said four Palestinians were killed and 50 injured on Monday in what he said was the heaviest day of Arah confrontation with Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a hurriedly prepared news conference at the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Baghdad headquarters, Mr. Arafat told reporters on Monday night that the fiercest fighting took place in Nahlus on the West Bank, especially at the Ain Beit-Al-Ma'a Camp, where 15 youths were

He said 3,000 Palestinians fled the camp for the nearby hills, many throwing stones and empty bottles at the Israeli troops. He said one resident used a bow and arrow against the troops. .

Mr. Arafat said three Palestin-ians Basil Al Yassouri, Mohammad Fayyadh, 20, and Atta Mustaphia Hudheir, 25, were killed in Gaza; and that Rabeb Ghannam, 16, was killed on the West Bank.

The Israeli army says three Palestinians died on Monday, one of wounds sustained earlier, and put at 31 the number of Arabs killed in the wave of unrest since Dec. 9. Reports from foreign relief workers add at least three more fatalities to the overall death toll. Palestinian sources in Israel say several wounded demonstrators are in critical condi-

Mr. Arafat said Monday's unrest was marked by the intensive use of Israeli tanks, armoured vehicles and helicopters dropping teargas on residential areas and Palestinian camps.

Sudanese civil war shifts to south

Sudan's civil war bas shifted back have taken control of all signifi- ia, or Islamic Law, be scrapped as to its traditional southern battlegrounds after government forces ousted rebels from two east-central Sndan towns, military statistics released Tuesday indicated.

Rebel takeovers in November and December of Kurmuk and Gizen, strategic hamlets on the Ethiopian border in the Blue Nile region, represented their furthest northward incursion in five years of fighting.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army held Kurmuk for 40 days before government troops recaptured it on Dec. 23 and Gizen for three weeks until it fell to the government on Jan. 1 Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi said Monday more than 600 soldiers and rebels died in bitter fighting over the two towns.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 for administrative, economic and political changes to favour the country's mostly Christian and animist sonth. Many southerners contend the Muslim-dominated central goveroment discriminates against

their region. On Tuesday, a military spokesman told the Associated Press that 41 rehels, four soldiers and 15 civilians died in recent fighting, all in the southern Equatoria, Bahr Al Ghazal and Upper Nile regions south west of Blue Nile.

The spokesman did not explain how the civilians died hut said it was in Raga, a desert town 680 miles (1,090 kilometres) south west of Khartoum.

Speaking anonymously under Defence Ministry rules, the spokesman said fighting included a rebel attack on the important centre of Rumbek in Bahr Al Ghazal in which 35 attackers

cant urban areas in the south but admitted the rebels still hold "some areas that are of no strategic importance."

Claims of both sides are impossible to verify. Because of the fighting, all three southern regions are off-limits to outsiders Mahdi's 21 months of civilian except for a few major population

Southern rebels have agreed to a ceasefire with the army on condition the government end the 6-month-old state of emergency, according to Mr. Mahdi.

Mr. Mahdi said the demand by the insurgent Sudan People's Liberation Army for ahrogation of the emergency law was made during "two recent rounds of talks with the Sudanese Armed

Since Mr. Mahdi took office in 1986, the government and SPLA have held several rounds of talks at the political level in Ethiopia and Britain. This was the first disclosure that military talks also bave taken place.

The government decreed a state of emergency last July, saying the measure was "to secure the interoal front against the enemies of democracy and the country." The measure bans unauthorised assembly and allows security forces to detain people for months without trial.

Mr. Mahdi did not reveal the government's reaction to the rebel condition for a ceasefire and gave no details of the military

The SPLA, led by Col. John Garang, launched military operations against the government in Sudan's three southero provinces in 1983.

In his speech, Mr. Mahdi indicated that Col. Garang may be

a condition for peace.

Former military strongman President Jaafar Numeiri imposed Sbaria three months after: the rebellion began. It remains the country's basis for law but hasbeen largely ignored during Mr.

rule. Mr. Mahdi told the parliamentarians that Col. Garang's, movement bas accepted with re-, servations the transitional constitution under which Sudan currently is governed.

The only condition, the premier said, is that the article making Islamic Law the sole source of; legislation be rescinded and that 'Sharia be applied only in areas where Muslims constitute a. majority." Col. Garang previously has demanded that it be eliminated nationwide.

Mr. Mahdi said his government. will continue to seeka peaceful; settlement with the rebels but ar the same time will "firmly contfront foreign aggression, internal suhversion and all forms of

"The southern plight is a legitimate political problem which rhenortherners recognise," Mr. Mahdi told the United Arab Emirates paper Al Ittihad in an interview published on Tuesday.

"Those who call for a military" solution do not recognise this problem, which requires a demo-

cratic political settlement." He said a political solution could be achieved through a constitutional conference.

"We still seek to hold the proposed conference which I' think would not be distant if we could keep the Sudanese problem. away from external polarisation," Mr. Mabdi added.

Panel names winners of King Faisal awards The award winners this year

RIYADH, Saudi Arahia (AP) -A Filipino Muslim activist and specialists in leukemia and genetics in U.S. universities, including an American professor, were among this year's winners of the King Faisal International Awards, the awards committee announced Tuesday.

The foundation was set up in 1976 with \$1.2 billion donated hy eight sons of the king to propagate Islam and set up an Arah version of the Nobel Prize. The winners are not necessarily

of the Muslim faith. Awards in four of the five categories will be shared by two people, King Faisal Foundation Director-General Prince Khaled Al Faisal said. Foundation officials said the awards will be presented to the winners in two

months.

patients. The co-winner was Melvyn F. Greaves, the director of

leukemia. The award in science was shared hy hiologists Ricardo

U.S. extends Libya sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has extended 2year-old economic sanctions against Libya, contending there is no evidence that country has abandoned support of interna-

tional terrorism. "The U.S. believes that the appropriate goal is to continue our policy, continue to isolate (Lihyan leader Muammar) Qadhafi diplomatically and eco-

nomically in order to limit his

ahility to cause harm," deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said

Mrs. Oakley said Lihya has shipped arms to the Irish Repubhean Army, sponsored attacks against Lihyan dissidents in Miledi, a Mexican professor at. the University of California at Irvine, and Pierre Chambon, director of the Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in France. Miledi, who has also done re-

search at the University College. of London, studied the transmission of information from nerve cells to muscles and other nerve cells. The Awards Committee. said this research has implications for treatment of nervous disorders and other reactions. : .

Chambon has researched prop-

- Arabic literature: Shared hy Mohammed V University in Morocco, a Moroccan, and Mahmud Y.A. Makki, of the University of Cairo, an Egyptian, for their studies of literature of Spain during Muslim rule in the

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 man. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antion the angulation of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Treesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and eculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries. tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Minuta-zah, Jahal Luweibdeh. Opening hours:

10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

030128. Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City. Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Clob. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holifirst and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
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Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
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CHURCHES

Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabai Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Sahurday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Angusciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Orthodox) Abdaii, 1ci. 0.2341.
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Amusus International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Rossies School in Shmeisani, Tel. Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.
Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sanday 7 p.m., Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295

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s will be northerly moderate and

Britain, a Briton, two Egyptians, a Frenchman, a Moroccan and a Turk. The Service in Islam Award was won hy Ahmad Domocao Alonto from the Philippines for

also included a Mexican professor

working in the United States and

his role in the Muslim autonomy movement in the southern Philippines island of Mindanao. The award in medicine was shared hy Janet Davison Rowley, professor at the University of Chicago, for her study identifying genetic markers in adult leukemia

London's Institute of Cancer Research for his study ioto causes of

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sion against Chad.

She said the administration recently approved the extension of sanctions against Lihya until

erties of genes and, the committee said, influenced the advance of molecular medicine especially. in cancer. Other winners included:

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- Islamic studies: Shared by Muhammad Quth, an Egyptian and professor at Umm Al Qura University in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and Mikdad Yalcin, who is Turkish and a professor ar Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud University Europe and engaged in aggres- in Riyadh, for their work in Islamic education.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY'S EVENTS

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☆ "Bibliotheksgespraeche." a course on German literature for Germans or foreigners at 4:30 p.m. at the Goethe Institute.

CULTURAL CENTRES Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7

p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-man. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

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Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) glish Service: Saturday at 6:30 p.m. tel. 822605, Rev. Veh. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264. FOR THE TRAVELLER

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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2) Karachi (PK)

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Karachi (PK)

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Crown Prince stresses security coordination

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has stressed the importance of coordination between public security apparata and pubic institutions towards achieving security for all citizens.

During a visit to the Najda police section Thursday, Prince Hassan said that the police force should be well-trained and qualified to identify and respond to citizens' needs, and to offer them the best service.

The Crown Prince also urged the application of innovative sci-

entific methods in discharging Earlier Thursday, Prince Has-

san visited the Amman Police Department, where he was received by Public Security Director Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and senior public security officers.

Prince Hassan was briefed on the department's operations, safeguarding security and stability in the capital.

He was also briefed on the duties of the Najda police, who are, in real terms, a mobile police station — an active force capable of dealing with all situations through coordination with security centres and concerned institu-

Information ministry staff honoured for summit role

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Information Hani Al Khasawneh has presented Royal medals to a number of ministry and media staff conferred on them by His Majesty King Hussein in recognition of their efforts and services during the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman last November.

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Khasawneh, in a speech during the Thursday ceremony, praised the summit and King Hussein's role in ensuring its success.

Meanwhile, Ministry of In-

formation employees have decided to donate one day's salary each to support the nprising of the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Regent attends Friday prayers in Salt

SALT (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, performed Friday prayers at Salt Grand Mosque. The Regent, along with the other worshipers listened to a sermon which stressed adherence to the principles of Islam, and highlighted Jordan's role in supporting the Palestiman uprising in the occupied territories. Also attending prayers with Prince Hassan were Balqa Governor Mejhim Al Khreisha and Salt Mayor Abdul

Health ties with Syria to increase

RAMTHA (Petra) - Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh Friday returned from Syria after a four-day visit during which he beld talks with Syrian Health Minister Mohammad Al Sbatti on amendments to the health agreement signed hetween Jordan and Syria in 1975. Hamzeh said that he also discussed with Syrian officials Syria's demand for Jordanian-manufactured medicines. The two sides agreed to exchange expertise and visits by health officials in an effort to expand cooperation.

Italian film week begins today

AMMAN (J.T.) - The annual Italian Film Festival begins today at the Royal Cultural Centre. The following films will be presented: "L'Inchiesta" (The Inquiry) in English with French subtitles; "Enrico IV" (Henry IV), "Figlio Mio Infinitamente Caro" (My Dearest Son) and "Cnore" (Heart), all in Italian with English subtitles; and "Momo" and "Qualcosa Di Biondo (Aurora)," both in English.

Obeidi meets with UNDP team

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary-General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Mahdi Al Obeidi Friday met with a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) team currently on a visit to Jordan. Oheidi briefed the team on the goals of the Arah Economic Unity Agreement and efforts exerted by the ministerial council of the agreement's member states to increase Arab economic integration. He also reviewed the CAEU's 1987 achievements, including the establishment of the Arab Common Market. The team expressed the programme's readiness to cooperate with the CAEU and its affiliate companies and unions, especially in agriculture and the transfer of technology.

Shultz to push Mideast initiative

with varying degrees of enthusiasm and scepticism from Israeli, Arah and Palestinian leaders, but U.S. officials said all parties were encouraging the United States to continue its efforts.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Wednesday it-opposed the new U.S. initiative because it did not mention the eventual creation of a Palestinian

The announcement of Sbultz's visit came after he conferred. Thursday evening with Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, the administration's point man for the Middle East who this week completed a four-country swing through the region.
Shultz last visited the Middle

East in October. Shamir-Peres row flares

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in an unprecedented attack, accused Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Friday of sabotaging Israel's posi-tion in Middle East peace efforts and leaking secret documents to

the media. "He wants to know what I do in order to sabotage it," the right-wing Likud prime minister said of the Labour Party leader, his coalition partner in an uneasy

"national unity" government.
"How can I negotiate when my partner is constantly running to the other side and telling them: 'Dou't listen to Shamir, whatever he's selling I'll sell cheaper', Shamir said.

The outburst highlighted deep differences between Israel's leaders over the U.S. initiative. Peres, prime minister from 1984 until October 1986 when he swapped posts with Shamir under a power-sharing agreement, has repeatedly accused the nationalist

In stinging criticism of his poli-tical rival. Shamir said on Israel Radio that Peres had "surrendered everything" and undercut

Likud leader of blocking the road

his bargaining power by leading details of the U.S. proposal.

"Every expression of cooperation on my part is thrown in my face immediately. I show Mr. Peres a letter and after a few hours it is in the bands of all the reporters," said Shamir.
"You can't conduct negotia-

tions and certainly not achieve peace by announcing every day that you're ready to accept every-

A Peres aide who demanded anonymity said the Labour Party leader would not respond. However, he added: "We think that Mr. Shamir's comments are

not worthy of a prime minister."

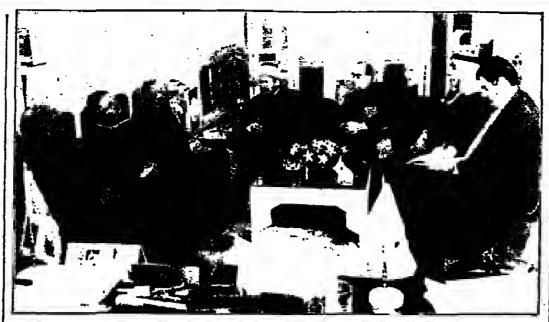
Moshe Shahal, the minister of energy who is a leading member of Peres' Labour Party, rejected Shamir's claim that Peres was "overeager" in his acceptance of the U.S. proposals.

"We are not being overeager. The prime minister is trying to give an excuse for a period of no movement," said Shahal.

Shamir reacted to a speech Thursday by Peres, who lashed out at the Likud leader's support for Jewish settlement building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, sarcastically asking "does this dandy enterprise provide

security?"
Criticising Shamir's refusal to go along with an international peace conference, Peres said:
"If the negotiations with an

international opening had begun in April, when they could have been started, would it have spared us the events in the territories? Let each one of us answer that question honestly."



Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah discuss the

importance of Muslim-Christian dialogue prior to the patriarch's departure Thursday.

Sabbah leaves for Jerusalem, thanking Jordan for warm welcome

AMMAN (J.T.) — Roman heartfelt welcome he was Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem accorded. Michel Sabbah Friday left for the Holy City of Jerusalem via King Hussein Bridge, ending an eightday visit to Jordan during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and senior Jordanian officials. In a departure statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Sabbah said he was impressed by his visit to Jordan, and expressed his appreciation to Prince Hassan,

whom be met.

He was seen off in Amman hy senior government officials and a number of Christian

clergymen. On Thursday, Sahbah met with Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, for a discussion on the situation in the occupied territories, and the measures taken by the ministry to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people there.

Rifai and the officials with The ministry's measures, which come in implementation of Royal He also thanked all members directives, include allocating of the Jordanian family for the monthly salaries to families of

martyrs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and to needy students from the occupied territories attending Jordanian uni-

Both Sheikh Khayyat and Patriarch Sahbah stressed the importance of Muslim-Christian dialogue, and described it as essential for enhancing cooperation towards serving Arab causes. Sabbah paid tribute to His

Majesty King Hussein's efforts to unite Arab ranks, and for his ongoing endeavours to attract international attention to just Arah causes, particularly the Palesti-

were representatives of Iraq, Svria, Sudan, Algeria, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco,

Libya, North Yemen, the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the Arab Organisation

for Administrative Sciences and

endorsed.

Federation urges creation of Arab centre for developing technical education

Arab Technical Education Federation, have sent cables of thanks to His Majesty King Hus-sein and to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The messages were sent after the meetings were concluded

Thursday.
In their cable to King Hussein, the participants expressed appreciation to Jordan for hosting the 8th session, and for making the necessary preparations which contributed to the success of the meetings. They also expressed their admiration of the great de-velopments the Kingdom has achieved in general and technical

In their message to the Iraqi president, they expressed appreciation for Iraq's continued sup-port of the federation, which is headquartered in there. The participants also praised the courageous stand of the Iraqi people and army in their heroic struggle to defend the Arah land,

AMMAN (Petra) - Participants as well as Iraq's positive resposse in the meetings of the Council of to international and pan-Arab efforts towards ending the Iran-

> In addition, the participants also thanked Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad for his sponsorship of the meet-At the end of the four days of

deliberations, the meeting recommended the creation of an Arab centre for developing technical It called on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations

Educational, Scientific aod Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) to supply the proposed tional equipment.

Another recommendation cal-

led on the federation's secretariat to prepare books in Arabie on vocational education. The participants decided furth-

er that previously-concluded agreements with the Arab Organisation for Agricultural De-

Zawawi heads **VOA Arabic**

AMMAN (J.T.) — An American of Palestinian origin bas recently been appointed as director of the Voice of America (VOA) Arabic Section for his high efficiency and extensive experience in broad-casting. Mr. Mahmoud Zawawi, born in Jerusalem, joined the VOA Arabic Section in 1972. He obtained B.A. and M.A. degrees from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

section



Mahmoud Zawawi

Syria said proposing 7-point plan

(Continued from page 1) Seven-point plan

Following is the text of the Syrian bineprint published by Al Watan:

- The formation of a mediation panel comprising representatives of the United Nations, some neutral and Islamic states, Syria, Algeria and Pakistan. The panel will consider proposals and condi-tions forwarded by Iraq and Iran for settling the dispute;

- The panel's task falls into short-term and long-term objec-

- The short-term objectives include obtaining pledges from Iraq and Iran to immediately half strikes against shipping, cities and strategic targets for six months; - Halting all offensive opera-tions along the front by both Iran and Iraq;

- Both belligerents endorse the principle of negotiation towards settling the dispute over both countries' rights in waters and

- The door will then be open for discussion on final solutions to the reasons for the war and strategic differences in accordance with agreements previously concluded between the two countries as well as international laws and conventions;

- The financial aspects relating to Iran's claim to reparations can ism," be said,

be discussed by the mediation committee when the military operations come to a halt. Reparations can be submitted to both countries for rehabilitation through a joint fund to which well-to-do countries contribute. Iragi-Soviet differences

According to another Kuwaiti newspaper, Al Anbaa, Iraq's deputy prime minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, bas admitted that there are differences between Baghdad and Moscow over the Galf war.

Ramadan also expressed dissatisfaction with China's Gulf policies in an interview with the daily published Thursday.

Ramadan charged that Soviet foot-dragging on supporting a U.N. Security Council embargo on arms sales to Iran was due to the Kremlin's desire to further its own interests.

"We differ with the Soviet friends on two scores: Their contention that the presence of American and other Western fleets in the Gulf is the cause of the continuation of hostilities, and the notion that Iran's rulers are opposed to imperialism and expansionism," Ramadan said.

"We cannot accept such opinions. We wonder how expansionist and aggressive rulers can be described as hostile to imperial-

Canadian parliamentarians to be briefed on Mideast situation

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A seven-member Canadian parliamentary delegation is due to be briefed today by Jordanian officials on the latest developments in the Middle East and the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, said the delegation was expected to have an audience with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, before leaving the Kingdom.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin is expected to brief the delegation on Jordan's stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as on the current uprising in the occupied territories. Canadian Embassy Consul

Michael Chesson told the Jordan Times Friday that the delegation, which arrived in Amman Thursday, was here as part of a fact-finding tour of Arah countries and Israel aimed at keeping ahreast of the latest developments in the region.

Foreign Minister Taher Al

Masri, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khalib and Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan are also expected to meet with the delegation, which includes members of the Canadian House of Commons, foreign affairs and international

On Friday Khatih accompanied the parliamentarians on a tour of oil exploration fields at Rishe, some 100 kilometres east of Am-

man. Chesson said. Canadian oil exploration companies Petro-Canada Internationseparate franchises in the area, Authority (MRA) in exploring

Liberal and Democratic parties in the house, will also meet with Lower House Speaker of Parliament Akef Al Fayez and members of the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The delegation will also be briefed on United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) activities and services in Jordan, and will make a field visit to Baqaa refugee camp before leaving Sunday for Cairo, the second leg of their tour of the region, which will also take them to Israel and the occupied territories.

Canada's House of Commons include 282 members representing the three political parties — Conservative, Liberal and Demo-

Chesson said that another seven member Canadian paral and Westburne Drilling have liamentary delegation was expected to arrive here today, but and they are joining efforts with not on a formal mission. He said the Jordan Mineral Resources the delegation from the Cananot on a formal mission. He said dian-Arab Parliamentary Association would leave Amman Sun-The delegation, comprising day for the occupied territories,

Jordan, Egypt review cooperation in agriculture, scientific research

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture Yousef Wali has left Amman after ending a one-day official visit during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and senior officials.

During their meeting Thurs-day, Prince Hassan and Wali discussed cooperation in agriculture and ways to further develop ex-

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief velopment and the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources be Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud, Minister of In addition, the meeting urged curhing expenditures, without adversely affecting the Federa-Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and Egyptian tion's training programmes and Amhassador to Jordan Ihab symposiums.

Taking part in the meetings Wahbe.

Wali also took part in a joint Jordanian-Egyptian meeting at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) for reviewing the results of the last joint meeting, held recently in Amman. These results stressed the need

to bolster cooperation in scien-tific and agricultural research.

The two sides also reviewed

progress on joint projects. The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Hmoud, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatih, Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Favez Tarawneh. RSS President Jawad Al Anani and other officials.

Wali and Wahbe represented Egypt at the talks.

Wali meets with Hmond Wali met with Hmoud for detailed discussions on cooperation in agriculture.

Hmoud briefed the visiting minister on Jordan's agriculture and agricultural policies, emphasising Jordan's use of the pattern system in farming. Hmoud said

this policy aimed at achieving balance between production and consumption.

Hmoud also pointed out that

the government directs special

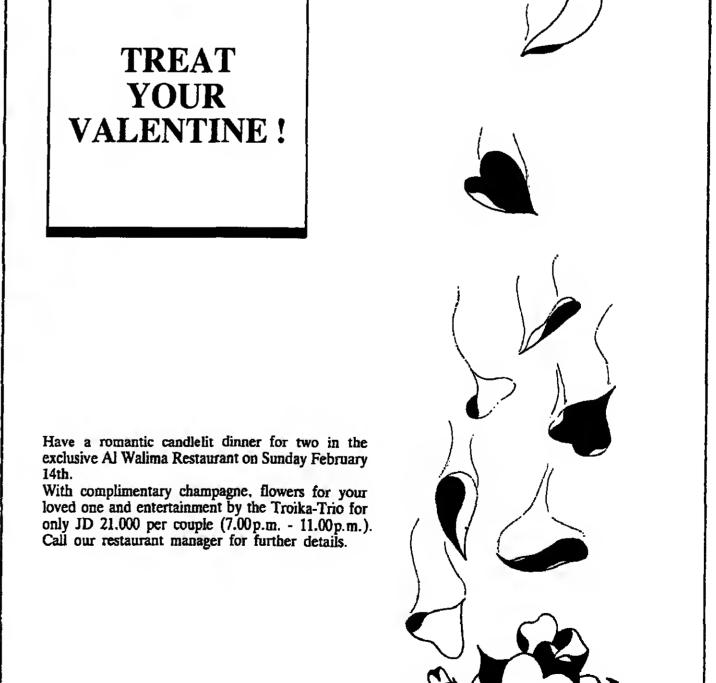
attention to the agricultural sector because of its importance in supporting national economy.
Wali then briefed Hmoud on the agricultural situation in Egypt and extended an official invita-

tion for him to visit Egypt. The Egyptian minister's visit came in response to an invitation extended to him by Prince

In an arrival statement, Wali said his visit was partially aimed at heginning preparations for a symposium on scientific cooperation, to be held under the chairmanship of Prince Hassan,

Jordan, Syria review energy links

RAMTHA (Petra) - Syrian Assistant Minister of Energy Sufyan Al Allow left Amman Friday at the end of a two-day visit during. which he held talks with Jordanian officials on cooperation in energy. He also attended a symposium on the availability and reliability of electric power beld by the Ministry of Energy,



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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: International conference is only option

IN his talks with the Austrian chancellor and parliamentarians King Hussein stressed that the Israeli occupation of Arah territory cannot and should not be continued. He also renewed Jordan's call for an international conference, being the only feasible way to bring about a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The King's views reflect the stand of the Arah Nation as a whole which was formulated at the Amman summit meeting and also echo the attitude and the stand of the European Community which have condemned Israel's atrocities and supported the idea of the international conference. In a television interview Prime Minister Zaid Rifai also stressed Jordan's firm stand with regard to this conference and said that such conference should tackle all issues pertaining to the conflict in the Middle East and should not be a one time international meeting. An ongoing conference playing its full fledged role to bring peace in the Middle East is the demand of Jordan and the rest of the Arah countries. This reaffirmation of Jordan's position on the European scene forestalls Israel's drive to make the conference no more than a protocol meeting achieving nothing and not meeting the hasic requirements of a lasting peace.

Al Dustour: King presents nation's stand

KING Hussein's speech at a hanquet in his bonour in Vienna stressed a number of principles considered basic elements in Jordan's foreign policy. The speech also pointed to the leading role Jordan is playing for the achievement of peace based on justice in our region. The King who has served as host for the Arah summit meeting last November presented the Arah Nation's views as to the Israeli occupation of Arah land and a settlement for this problem. The King stressed that the problem of the Palestinian people remains at the beart of the Arab-Israeli conflict and, therefore, requires just and lasting solution before anything else. The Israelis, the King pointed out, are still escalating their oppression and pursuing plans for building settlements and perpetuating their occupation of Arah land. He said for this reason the Arab people have risen in protest against this practice and against continued occupation of their land. The King also carried to Europe the Arab Nation's views as to the Iran-Iraq war and echoed the Arab Nation's call for an immediate implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to achieve peace. We endeavours in Europe and hope that steps will be taken now to help bring about the aspired peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: King pursues peace

KING Hussein's tour of European countries advocating the Arab cause and bis meetings with heads of state in Italy, the Vatican, France and Austria demonstrate clearly the dynamic Jordanian role in the current Arah Nation's endeavour to establish peace. The King is spearheading all peaceful efforts designed to enlist the help of Europe and at the same time forestall any bostile moves by Israel to impede work for a lasting and comprehensive settlement. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's television interview in London reflected Jordan's views, clearly calling for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 for the sake of achieving a lasting peace. Jordan wants to bring about a change in the American stand with regard to the international peace conference and considers U.S. proposals and ideas as incomplete and should meet the basic requirements of the Arah Nation. Jordan wants an end to Israel's occupation through the help of the European countries, the Security Council members and within the framework of an international

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Peace is crucial for Mideast, Europe

KING Hussein expressed the Arah Nation's views about the situation in the Middle East and pointed to the remedy for the region's ills and the way for building genuine peace. In an address to the World Affairs Society in Germany the King appealed to the whole world to come to the aid of the people in our region and to the European nations to play a more meaningful role in ending Israel's occupation and aggression through convening an international conference. The monarch underlined the importance of the time element, and said that as time passes the Palestinian people are becoming more persistent on regaining their rights and their lands. The King said that the current Arab uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip represents the will of the Paletinian people who have not lost hope and who seem to be determined more than ever to maintain the struggle for freedom. But the uprising, he said, also represents an open invitation to the whole world and the international community to back words with deeds and move speedily to hring about peace to the Middle East. The King spoke of the need for preserving the common interest between the Arahs and the Europeans and the need of peace to prevail in this disturbed region.

Al Dustour: Zionists defy human norms

AS the uprising of the Palestinian people continues in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and as the martyrs fall on Palestinian soil, the Zionist forces continue to ignore world public opinion and U.S. Security Council resolutions and all world norms and principles. These forces continue to exercise all forms of atrocities and crimes and oppression on the Palestinian people who are struggling for freedom. But a statement issued by the European Community in Bonn two days ago represented another serious blow to the Zionists and the invaders of Palestine who for long scoffed at world public opinion and pursued their goals with the force of arms against the defenceless population. The Israelis are now facing a real battle with the world information media and they are face to face with media correspondents who are conveying a genuine picture about the happenings inside the occupied territory to the rest of the world. The men of the media are delivering a true picture of the brutal nature of Zionism and presenting the world community with an image of sufferings and torture going on inside the occupied land. The Zionist leaders are now facing frustration and losing the battle against the stone throwers and against the media.

The other face of the Arab-Israeli conflict

The writer is a researcher in strategic studies. He contributed this article to the Jordan Times.

THE ECONOMICS of the Arab-Israeli conflict have long been subordinated to the more conventional political discussions, yet it is important to recognise that the economic obstacles to a peaceful settlement of the conflict are no less difficult to surmount.

The economic dimension arises from the fact that Israel's conquest in 1967 was extremely lucrative, so that any relinquishment of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or East Jerusalem entails sacrificing the spoils of war. Israel's profit from occupation is worth about \$1 billion a year; in addition the control of the Golan Heights and the West Bank ensures Israel's preemption of Jordanian water equivalent to almost one-third of its total water supply, the replacement cost of which approximates \$2 billion annually. The immediate price Israel has to pay for peace thus approximates \$3 hillion annually.

Since any plausible peace plan involves Israel's withdrawal from the land it occupied in 1967, peace automatically implies giving up both the economic and hydraulic assets that accrued from those conquests; and the additional economic burdens loom large given the already precarious state of the Israeli economy. Not only are the economic obstacles to peace very real, but there are clearly recognised incentives for still further territorial expansion by Israel.

Israel now has fully used up the last block of water captured in the 1960s and the newest target is the Litani River, in which Israel has exhibited increasing interest in the last year as its water sbortages became ever more imminent.

The Litani is indeed a tempting target, and earlier Zionist authors and planners included the river within their geographical compass of "Greater (Eretz) Israel." The Litani offers much more water than the headwaters of the Jordan seized in 1964-65. Compared with the some 500 million cubic metres diverted from the Jordan basin then, the Litani could provide as much as 800 million cubic metres, equivalent to a 50 per cent increase in Israel's potential water consumption. The hydraulic imperative thus reinforces the economic imperative, and both reinforces the historical and theological imperatives, so that the obstacles to any negotiated peace, absent sanctions from the United States on Israel, loom even

Lost gains

Expulsion from the Sinai Peninsula was extremely costly to Israel, both financially and geopolitically. Those Sinai oilfields, modest in size and high in cost by the standards of the Middle-Eastern oil industry, were of major economic and geopolitical significance to Israel. By 1975, oilfields developed during the Israeli occupation, produced about 130,000 barrels per day and covered a large part of Israel's oil import. At the time of Israeli occupation large part of Israel's oil imports. At the time of Israeli retrocession,

By Talai Al Waragi

the gross value of the Sinai oil, was some \$500 million per annum, \$1.5 billion at today's price of oil.

These war spoils were lost in the first phase of the Sinai withdrawal that the administration of U.S. President Gerald Ford forced on Israel in 1975 (the Suez Canal was reopened with U.S. assistance and the Israelis were forced to hand back the oilfields) These former war profits are still extremely important in establishing the context of economic warfare in the Middle East. Israel was obliged then to switch from captured Arab oil to purchasing oil,

which ment a double vulnerability.

Dependence on U.S. financial aid increased by almost \$2 billion per annum since oil prices escalated shortly after it was forced to buy its oil in the market.

The value of water

For Israel water resources are the most important economic advantage emanating from the lands conquered in 1967 and from the subsequent, de facto acquisition of the southern Lebanon realised on a piecemeal basis since 1975. At the present time, excluding the prospects of the Litani River, almost one-half of Israel's total water consumption consists of water that has been diverted or preempted from Arab sources located outside of the pre 1967 boundaries. The first of the major water sources secured by Israelis in 1967 was the water from catchment basin of the West Bank itself. An estimated annual volume of 200 million cubic metres of West Bank water flows into the coastal reservoirs that already had begun to be exploited by the Israelis in the early 1950s. The sustained recharge of those coastal reservoirs with this water from the West Bank is critically important to Israel's water balance because it permits it to withdraw the same amounts from the coastal aquifers for consumption in Israel.

Seizure of the West Bank was thus the prerequisite to ensure that this flow of Arab water would remain available for Israeli

The second element in the "hydraulic imperative" is the diversion of the Jordan water into Israel. The system itself for transferring the entire flow of the Jordan, the National Water Carrier, was completed in 1964-65, and lies entirely within Israel's pre-1967 boundaries. In 1965, when the Arab leadership foresaw Israel's project to transfer the waters of the Jordan out of the basin and transport them to the Negev, a joint Arab project was established to redirect the flows of the upper tributaries elsehwere among the source states. The joint effort to protect the waters of the Jordan River from Israeb capture succumbed to Israeli bombardment, and the subsequent occupation effectively forestalled any repetition of that effort by the riparian states to recover

Israel currently extracts on the average more than 400 million cubic metres of water each year from the npper Jordan. Only saline drain waters, or diverted salt springs are allowed to discharge from Lake Tiberias into the historical channel of the Jordan River. The value of these waters is primarily ideological, since twothirds of Israeli water consumption is for irrigated agriculture.

Third after diamonds and weapons

Moreover, the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza have also become quiet important to Israel as captive markets, as sources of foreign exchange, and as suppliers of cheap, docile labour. The West Bank, now, constitutes a major source of Israel's foreign exchange earnings. Israel's average exports to the territories already amount to \$500 million a year, so that sales to the Palestinians under Israeli military rule now rank third after diamonds and weapons as Israel's most important export.

Second, the native population benefits from steady receipts of transfer payments which are paid in convertible currencies i.e. Jordanian dinars, Saudi riyals, Kuwaiti dinars, or U.S. dollars. Under the currency regulations, they must convert the hard currencies into Israeli shekels, which in turn finance their obliga-

tory imports from Israel.

Tourism is an additional element in Israel's economic gains from the West Bank, and other tourists spots such as Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The gross incremental receipts from tourism attributable to the 1967 conquests cannot be easily estimated, but a value of \$200-400 million per year appears to be plausible. A final economic advantage derives from the cheap labour in the West Bank or Gaza which is available to Jewish entrepreneurs both in Israel itself or in newer ventures on the West Bank. Arah labour from these areas has become increasingly important to Israei's economy because it commands low wages, requires few or none of the tringe benefits that make Israeli workers much more costly, and necessitates minimum social infrastructural investment. Some 80,000 West Bank Palestinian labourers commute daily from their restricted areas into Israel. West Bank Palestinians bave become the "hewers of wood and drawers of water" within the Israeli economy. In conclusion, however, Israel's economic gains from war

represent major obstacles to any substantive peace settlement in the Middle East, and the economic imperatives are indeed not merely obstacles to peace but incentives for further war. The economic cost of the "separate peace" with Egypt — even

though the United States covered the costs with dramatically increased grants of aid — is a sobering precedent for any further sacrifice of the remaining spoils from the 1967 war.

Rifai reaffirms Jordan's position

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the prime minister said, any proposal or plan for bolding talks should be part of an integrated plan designed to achieve a comprebensive and durable solution.

Rifai said Israeli witbdrawal from the occupied territories should be the main and eventual objective of any settlement.

Rifai said that Jordan's position had always been clear and was stressed by His Majesty King Hussein during his latest meeting with the European Community. (EC) foreign ministers. Israel is responsible for obstructing the peace process because it still refuses to respond to major questions on whether it will be ready to withdraw from the occupied territories and allow the Palestinian people to practise

their legitimate political rights, Rifai said. Israel's failure to answer such questions is in fact the obstacle to the peace process,

beard only a little about the American thoughts that have been circulating although they were not officially introduced."

However, he added, Jordan welcomes any new American plan aimed at revitalising the American role in the peace process after an absence of more than one year. .:

ited Nations Security Council and the U.N. secretary general will determine the next step.

Israeli troops kill 2 Arabs in Nablus

weekend.

prayers, waving their fists, and briefly unfurling a Palestinian

mosque compound and swooped low over the gold-topped dome of tbe rock.

for carrying a slingshot and the other for carrying a Palestinian flag, police said. In Gaza City, about 40 Arabs

Amari Mosque, some standing on rooftops and throwing stones at Israeli soldiers, a Palestinian witness told the AP on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. Six jeeploads of soldiers sur-rounded the mosque and threw

boy, the witness said. Also in Gaza, separate leaflets vere distributed Friday by the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

chants could open their shops hus, the arm daily from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. no injuries.

damentalists.
The PLO leaflet said mer-

ion (PLO) and Islamic fun-

he said In reply to a question on a new American initiative for peace in the Middle East, Rifai said: "We

He said Jordan's consultations with the United States and the Soviet Union and the other three permanent members of the Un-

(Continued from page 1) At Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque, about 100 chanting Palestinians protested after noon

flag. A police helicopter circled the

Two Arabs were detained, one

protested after prayers at the Al

smoke bombs. They detained a 10-year-old and a 13-year-old

beginning Sunday, while the fun-damentalist called for a total strike in the Gaza Strip over the

Israel's army command said a 20-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed Thursday in the West Bank refugee camp of Tulkarem. The army did not provide further details.

Israel Radio said the man was killed after troops conducting arrests in the curfewed camp 60 kilometres northeast of Jerusalem were attacked by Palestinian protesters. The radio said an Israeli soldier was lightly wounded in the clash.

The army and police also reported protests in the West Bank city of Ramallah and the village of Taibe Thursday. Police detained 10 Palestinians after protesters smashed windows, stoned cars and beat two drivers of a van

before hurning the vehicle.
In the West Bank village of Silat Edh Dhahr near Nahlus, an

empty hus was burned. In the Arab Jerusalem neigh-bourhood of Silwan, Palestinians stoned an Israeli bus. The driver fled, and Arah youths torched the hus, the army said. There were

Uncertainty shrouds 'ship of return'

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and Arab journalists and international personalities who arrived here over the past several days to join the "ship of return." The PLO has accused Israel of

companies against chartering their vessels to the PLO. Palestinian officials told the Fordan Times that the Israelis bad threatened Greek companies not to allow their vessels to dock at Israeli ports if they accepted to carry the Palestinians and their

supporters on the voyage.
The officials explained that such threats represented real risk for private Greek shipping companies which organise annual summer eruises to mid-Mediterranean ports.

Some PLO officials and Palestinian personalities have ing the Israeli campaign to pre-vent the PLO-organised voyage. "The Israeli government is

man Catholie Archbishop Hilarion Capucci told a group of reporters. He also said the PLO appeared to be ready to buy a ship if needed. But PLO officials were sceptical over such an option since Israel would not hesipractising pressures on Greek tate to shell a ship owned by the

Foreign delegates here were expected to issue a statement condemning the Israeli pressures and reiterating solidarity with the Palestinian cause and support for the Palestinians' right to return to their homeland.

PLO officials said that the Greek government, leftist Greek parties and trade unions and other popular institutions were exerting all of their efforts to help the PLO achieve its objective.
"The problem is that the Greek also accused the U.S. of support-government cannot possibly pressure the private companies to accept our offer since the Israeli threats make it very costly for practising pressures through the American administration to stop an offer and go abead with the trip from taking place," Rotrip," said another official.

U.S. fears aid cut wanes influence

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON — U.S. foreign aid cuts in 1988 and beyond could spark an erosion of America's military and political influence around the world, according to officials of the Reagan adminis-

tration. "Yon can tell people times are tough, that you have to cut back for a while, but what they want to know is where they are on the priority list — and why," one administration official close to the foreign aid programme fold

The official said he saw no let-up in cuts over the next few

State Department spokesman harles Redman announced on January 29 that military aid prog-rammes to about 30 countries will be elimintated in 1988 and they will be cut in dozens of other cases, to meet congressional

budget reduction goals.

He acknowledged that certain cuts were needed, but said slashing the military aid programmes would damage U.S. infinence worldwide and that the State Department still hoped to find ways to limit the damage.

Other officials also say the cuts could hurt U.S. interests. The commander of military forces in Latin America, General Fred Woerner, told reporters in Washington Friday: "I sense that the nations know what is happening to them and their reaction has been quite negative."

Friends look elsewhere

Woerner, head of the southern

command based in Panama, said that not only do military aid cuts reduce American mid-level military contacts with other nations in terms of training aid, but they force friends and allies to look

"Aid from others can mean bases for others," he told Reu-

U.S. officials say frankly that America has paid handsomely for its military presence in many

Turkey. Meanwhile, Portugal will not formally demand renegotiation of the base deal.

"That's okay there. But what happens when the Philippine government comes calling? And what about when we get round to bringing at least some troops home from NATO?" asked John Pike, a specialist in defence affairs in Washington.

Pike, a spokesman for the Fedcountries from the Philippines to eration of American Scientists,

"In the 1988 aid budget, Israel and Egypt would be spared cuts. Israel would get \$1.8 billion and Egypt \$1.3 billion — the same as in 1987 — under the foreign military sales credit programme. And under the economic support fund Israel would get \$1.2 billion and Egypt \$815 million, also the same as last year."

Western Europe. Foreign aid cuts sent Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci off to Lisbon last week to placate Portuguese leaders to ensure a U.S. presence is maintained at a key air base in the Azores in mid-

Atlantic. A promised yearly flow of more than \$200 million to Portugal from Washington has been whittled down and Washington says Portugal can now expect only \$117 million in the current fiscal

Carincci and Portuguese officials agreed to try to create more aid through a congressional programme that allows the Pentagon to give surplus military equip-ment to Portugal, Greece and

said many countries resent Washington maintaining high levels of aid to Israel and Egypt while making sweeping cutbacks elsehwere.

Israel, Egypt spared `

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last year to \$260 million in 1988. Kenya, which got \$3 million in 1987, would get nothing. Turkey, where the United

States maintains a number of key electronic facilities to monitor the Soviet Union, would get a boost from \$178 million to \$334 million.

Egypt \$815 million, also the same

as last year. Under FMS, aid to Pakistan, a

key U.S. friend in South Asia,

would be cut from \$313 million

The problem is that when you get a big reduction in what you can spend overall, an increase like Turkey's means a lot of other nations suffer further cuts," said one Pentagon official

Under the 1988 aid plan, ESF programmes would be eliminated from Lebanon (from \$500,000 lion), the Dominican Republic (from \$14 million), Ecuador (from \$19 million), Haiti (from \$36 million), Jamaica (from \$25 million), Peru (from \$5 million) and Uruguay (from \$12 million).

Other countries that would lose ESF programmes in 1988 are: Botswana (from \$5 million), Cameroun (from \$9 million), Gambia (from \$6 million) Madagascar and Mauritius (each from \$1 million), Mozambique (from \$10 million), Niger (from \$2 million), Tanzania (from \$12 million), Zaire (from \$10 million) and Zambia (from \$12 million).

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"These do not sound like big figures by the standards of many countries," one Pentagon official said, "but when you figure the plight of some of them, try taking And under the economic support fund (ESF), a programme of non-lethal security assistance, Israel would get \$1.2 billion and the U.N...

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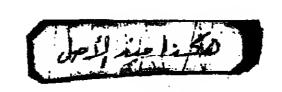
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THE PALESTINIAN uprising, which has entered its third month, has shown a high level of independence and organisation on the part of the popular institutions and the Palestinian factions inside the Israeli occupied territories, according to Palestinian analysts here and in Tunis.

These assessments have led to a debate, within the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), on how to sustain the national unity achieved during the uprising and the emerging leadership inside the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The thrust of the main argument is that the PLO leadership should strongly support the emerging leadership, give its views more attention and deal with it on an equal hasis as a permanent body leading daily confrontations with Israel.

These views, endorsed by a number of Palestinian activists who were deported by Israel during the last two decades, former prisoners, and officials who are in direct touch with the organisations in the West Bank and Gaza, are hased on the conclusion that one of the most important implications of the uprising is that the situation in the occupied territories and the views of the Palestinians there shall play a higger role in inner PLO politics from now on. This group also argnes that the uprising has brought about new factors that the PLO leadership should take into consideration in its future policies towards the occupied ter-

First among these important developments is perhaps the high level of national unity achieved

during the uprising.

The ideological and other political differences are almost erased or at least overshadowed hy the unity in confronting the Israeli occupation," a Palestinian official who is in daily touch with the organisations inside the territories said.

This strong national unity has already been reflected on the leadership of the factions in Tnnis and in Damascus. This was evident during the last few weeks as differences emerged over the idea of forming a Palestinian government in exile, the Washington meeting between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and two Palestinian personalities and even over resumption of talks with

Unlike in past sinuar experiences the factions were cautious not to cause an inter-factional rift and moved to contain these differences within the organisation. The main objective seemed to he not to disrupt the "national unity" inside the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. But according to well-informed Palestinian sources in Tunis, it was the high level of unity demonstrated by the people and the factions in the occupied territories that made the lead-

ership ahroad restrain its reactions. But if national unity has always been a feature of Palestinian struggle during the periods of crisis, the analysts point out the difference this time is that it was manifested and materialised within the organisational framework of the "unified command of the uprising."

Unified leadership

The formation of this unified leadership could yet prove to have resolved the internal Palestinian debate, which has continued since the early seventies, of the need for a PLO decision to form what was until recently referred to as "the Palestinian national

The idea of forming a Palestinian national front was first conceived in the early seventies hy independent Palestinian personalities and some Palestinian factions. In 1973 the PLO took a formal decision to set up this body in the form of a committee, which was a coalition of all political factions in the West Bank.

But the front was short lived, and hy 1976 the Israeli authorities were able to dismantle it by deporting or arresting its leadership. Efforts to resurrect the front were impeded by factional differences. Left-wing factions, which strongly pushed for a new PLO decision to revive the idea, accused Fateh then of standing against it "in order to ensure its hegemony over the political situation in the West Bank and else-

Yet inter-factional differences alone were the only reason which impeded the revival of the front. For one of the most important lessons learned hy the front's short life in the seventies was that the appointment of public figures to lead the front allows the Israelis to dismantle it by imprisoning or deporting its leadership.

Nevertheless, the idea was strongly pushed to surface following the eruption of the uprising three months ago. According to Palestinian officials, it was again advocated at the PLO central council which was held in Baghdad last month. The deported mayor of Al Bireh, Ahdul Jawad Saleh, bas been one of the staunchest advocates of the idea and was the first to clearly hring it up during the Baghdad meeting.

In a written statement. Saleh said that the uprising had made it a necessity for the PLO to form the front to lead the struggle inside the occupied territories.

But it seems that before the PLO leadership endorsed a formal decision, it was the factions side which took the initiative and formed "the national unified command of the uprising."

Coordination with Tunis. Damascus

According to Palestinian officials interviewed by the Jordan Times in Tunis and here, the national command differs from



Lamis K. Andoni assesses the PLO's relationship with the leaders of the Palestinian revolt in the West Bank and Gaza.

- It resulted from the accumulation of organisational ex- not seem to depend on "known" perience over the last two decades hy the factions and the popular institutions, and not as a consequence of a political deci-sion of the PLO executive committee. That does not, however, negate the daily coordination between the command and the PLO leadership in Tunis and the heads of the factions elsewhere.

Although the major members of the new command include representatives of Fateh, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) agree with that conclusion, the imprising has even made structural changes within the factions themselves. of Palestine (PFLP), the Palestinian Communist Party and the Islamic movement, it is widely believed that the other smaller Palestinian factions are not functioning outside the PLO framework, or at least as individuals they are adhering to its programmes and instructions.

work of this "new front" are extremely secretive. This discreetness could prove to be a great advantage since it would be more difficult for Israel to dis-files of the factions was evident mantle the command by arresting and affected collective efforts to

the old front in the following or deporting it leaders. aspects: Furthermore, unlike the front of the seventies, the command does nationalist names hut on a collective organisational infrastructure.

Thus even if its leaders were arrested or deported, authoritative Palestinian analysts believe its work will not be completely disrupted.

- According to some sources the command is led by the factions' second ranking officials, who were behind the initiative for the unification of ranks. If this was true, and some PLO officials agree with that conclusion, the selves. A respected Palestinian researcher and academic from the West Bank told the Jordan Times that despite the PLO reunification achieved in Algiers last April the local leaders of the Palest nians were not "cooperating" with efforts by some independent personalists to reunify the work of the different political trends in - Both the leadership and the the occupied territories. The academic, who is himself an independent, said that factionalism and a growing gap between the local leadership and the rank and

confront the Israeli occupation. Islamic movement included

— The Islamic trend is also included in the coalition. It has to be indicated here that while in the past left-wing factions would have stood against such a coalition they seem satisfied that the Islamic trend is working within a pro-PLO coalition. Furthermore, its widely believed that the Islamic trends coordinate with the other forces through Fatch. "The Muslim movement is not far from the influence of a specific faction within the PLO," a DFLP official who was clearly referring to Fatch, said.

"We are passing through the national liberation struggle period, which means that all the Palestinians, regardless of their ideologies, trends and classes, it of the struggle commented deputy commander of Fatch forces and central committee member Khalil Al Wazir. In fact left-wing factions be-lieve that the coordination between the Islamic movement and. factions within the PLO constituted an important development especially that in the seventies some of these fundamentalist movements worked against the

PLO. Bnt now the PLO, including all of its factions agree to include the Islamic trends in its

It is not clear whether that will include the Muslim Liberation Party (Hizeh Al Tahrir Al Islami) which so far has been banned from becoming part of the PLO structure.

- Another difference is that so far the unified command is seen as "provisional" body while the front was formed as a permanent leadership.

- The "unified national command" has shown a high level of organisation, initiative and independence despite its strong adherence to the PLO and its programme.

According to highly placed Palestinian sources the leadership, either through its unified command, or through the diffe-rent factions, consults with the PLO leaders abroad on the tactics used and the political statements issued. The difference, however, is that it is not a matter of receiving orders, but is rather "equal footing consultations."

The sources note that the unified command inside is cautious that its demands and political statements are consistent with the PLO's platform.

New policy called for

These new factors have prompted many voices within the PLO to call for a new policy towards the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In a recently published study on the evolution of popular organisations in the occupied territories
Dr. Jamil Hilal, the DFLP
spokesman, called on the PLO to abandon its old view of the national movement in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip "as the striking right hand of the PLO... but as an equal partner who compliments the PLO leadership (abroad)."

These trends, called for before the uprising, were based on a study of the popular Palestinian protest activities in the occupied territories between April and the end of November 1987. Dr. Hilal, who is a noted researcher on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, bases his conclusions on the following

- That the popular protests in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were not a mere reaction to Israeh suppression but that the methods and tactics employed reflected a steadily growing level of organisation.

- That the new generation is experienced in organisational struggle and demonstrates a high awareness and a mudia mood. He notes that around 60 per cent of the Palestinian population was horn under occupation. - The level of active organi

sational involvement is high and includes all sects of the population including the youth, students, women, writers, professionals and workers.

Wazir agreed with this assess-

involvement in the struggle.

"In the past protests and uprisings, students and workers were of coordination would continue the major participants, but in this following the uprising. uprising women and elderly peo-Abu Jihad said.

Rising numbers

In his study Hilal points out that the number of the people involved in the popular institutions and associations was steadily increasing. For example mem-Palestinian women associations hundred in 1980 to 15,000 in 1987, while 90 per cent of the students have participated in the students councils elections last

— The fact that around 30,000 people (or one fifth of the leadership ahroad and the compopulation) were subjected to mand inside the territories as well forms of house detentions or have as among the factions. In fact even served prison sentences since 1967, has enhanced the struggle experience and the political awareness of the Palestinians in the territories.

- These factors have led to a development of a high level of independence of the Palestinian national movement and people in

the occupied territories.

Hilal concludes that the popular movement and its organisations have "developed its own internal dynamics for action and continuity.

He concludes that the PLO should realise these new developments and ahandon the approach to the national movement in the territories "as an instrument" but instead deal with the movement "as the actual daily leadership in the main confrontation front against the occupying enemy."
Hilal also notes that "there was no contradiction between the growing independence of the Palestinian movement in the occupied territories and its full support of the PLO."

Following the eruption of the uprising on Dec. 9, this view has heen voiced hy many other two writers' unions, while the Palestinian activists who are now seeking the actual recognition of the "unified leadership of the uprising" as a permanent leaduprising" as a permanent lead-ership body of the national movement inside.

Supporters of this view include independent personalities as well as members of the major factions including Fateh. "The PLO lead-ership should listen more carefully to what the leaders of the be oppossed by the factions' leadnational movement have to say in the formulations of PLO policies ies and confrontation with Israel because they know the daily situation better and therefore their functions cannot be confined to receiving orders," Fateh officer who was deported after spending 17 years in prison told the Jordan Times in Tunis

Palestinian analysts helieve that the West Bankers and

ment but adds that the uprising Gazans are now exerting more has drawn new sectors to active influence on the PLO leadership than ever hefore. But they were not sure whether the new pattern

Other analysts note that if the ple played an equally important unified command of the uprising role," Wazir, better known as is to become a permanent leadership of the national movement inside, such an objective should be endorsed by the Fateh organisation in the occupied terri-

Palestinian personalities and officials from the various factions contacted by the Jordan Times, concede that Fateh still hership of the four existing maintains the higgest following in the occupied territories and that has risen from less than two it was the strongest during the uprising especially through its babibah (youth) supporting organisations.

The Fateh prevalence did not seem to have affected so far coordination between the PLO well-informed Palestinian officials confirm that during the uprising the leadership has practically recognised the independence of the command in determining the confrontation tactics and the methods of daily struggle.

But the question that is heing raised now, within Palestinian circles, is whether this coordination would lead to the sustaining of the command as the leader of coalitions front in the territories or will the factional differences and even individual contacts overrule the organised framework produced by the up-

To achieve the objective of maintaining the organisational framework of national Palestinian command in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would require a political decision by the PLO and the factions leaders in Tunis and Damascus, Furthermore, and despite the unity demonstrated during the uprising, the Palestinian popular institutions remain deepdivided. For example, there are four women associations, the same number of trade unions and artists have only rennified their

mainly depends on an agreement among the leaders of the different factions to do so. But some Palestinians hope that the uprising would prompt the leaders of the unions themselves to take such a step, which is unlikely to

ership

Although most officials and anaivsts interviewed tious on predicting the final implications of the evolvement of the national movement in the occupied territories and its influence on the PLO, they all seem to agree that in the meantime the organisation's leadership cannot hut refuse any political offers that fall short of meeting the demands stressed by the unified command during the last four weeks.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — Feb. 13, 1988 8:30 Married with Children

9:00 Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film The Story Teller A T.V. scenarist writes down a

film scenario when there are violence and arson. A kid, who saw the film in imitation sets fire in the school which affected the writer's way of life.

: Sun. — Feb. 14, 1988

8:30 Farrington We're Having a Heatwave

Romantic madness continues when a suavely attractive businessman arrives on a trade mission — and even Harriet seems to be affected.

9:10 The Making of a Continent

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10:20 Secret Army

Mon. — Feb. 15, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served

9:10 Vanity Fair

10:20 Feature Film

A Time To Live

New Comedy series

Eldest danghter Lorraine is having a trial separation from hushand Raymond, who is trying to find alternative accommodation assisted by fellow traffic-warden Elsie. Youngest son Nigel, home for the weekend, borrows Arthur's car, hut it runs out of petrol and, hefore the garage can pick it up, is stolen. Meanwhile, neighbour Trevor is missing his wife Vera, who is away with her sister in Wales, and seeks liquid consolation in the greenhouse with Arthur.

9:10 Standby - Light! Camera! Action!

This episode is about the role of the stunt-man. The actor who takes up the dangerous and diffi-cult roles in lieu of the real actor.

10:20 The Equalizer

Wed. — Feb. 17, 1988

8:30 Charles in Charge A Job From Heck

9:00 Well Being

8:30 No Place Like Home

11:10 Three's Company Jack Looks for a Jack

Starring: Liza Minnelli Jeffry DeMunn

A couple has a son in normal good health, and a younger son who complains of a muscular weakness which aggravates day after day. Consequently he had to use a wheel-chair. The family suffers a lot because of the situa-

Tue. -- Feb. 16, 1988

Kept in the Dark



Married with Children - Saturday at 8:30

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9:35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents.....

10:20 Hold the Dream

Mini-series

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Thur. — Feb. 18, 1988 8:30 Kate and Allie

9:10 Rags to Riches

10:20 Feature Film

A female spy meets a young man studying veterinary medicine. She allures him to participate with her in her adventure.

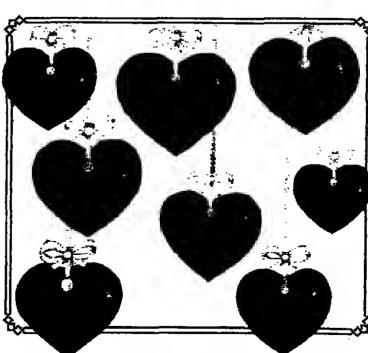
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Dorma 12

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NECC 24

Furukawa 27

France Lait 60

Al Ahlyah 13

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Mids-2

Seniors

Nash/EBB

Arab Bank

'Festival on ice' gets off ground todayat Calgary

CALGARY (AP) - On the eve of the opening of the 15th Winter Olympics, a British princess and a Swiss king of the mountain are sharing star billing with a warm-breathed wind called the Chinook.

Pacific Ocean more than 24 hours ahead of Friday's expected arrival of Princess Anne (See story

Temperatures soared 56 degrees Fahrenheit (31 degrees Celsius), from an Arctic minus II degrees (minus 24 degrees Celsius) Wednesday to a relatively halmy 45 degrees (7 degrees Cel-sius) by midday Thursday.

Te fabled Chinook blew in over the Rocky Mountains from the Swiss skier had the fastest training time, firmly establishing himself as the skier to beat in

> meaning "snow eater." the Chi-nock turned ice and snow on sun shades had to be stretched over exposed curves on the luge track, despite the 100 kilometres

1988 WINTER OLYMPICS

At the Nakiska downhill course retard melting. on Mount Allan, the hottest thing on the softening snow Thursday was Pirmin Zurbriggen, the two-

time World Cup overall cham-

No innovations in ice dancing CALGARY (AP) - Trend-set-

ung performances are not expected from the ice dancers at these Winter Olympics. There are no Torvill and Deans here. While the Soviet couples of Natalia Bestemianova-Andrei Bukin and Marina Klimova-Sergei Ponomarenko skate on a different, higher level than the rest of the competition here, they will not change the way ice danc-ing is performed. Britain's Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the 1984 gold medallists, could do

"A couple like Torvill and Dean comes along rarely and they have an effect on the sport that no one else can match," said Ron Ludington, the premier pairs and dance coach in the United States. "They were very special." Torvill and Dean dared to be

different, so different that they expanded the boundaries of the dance. Their routines were developed to tell a story and their freestyle programme at Sarajevo, to Ravel's "Bolero," so entranced the judges that they ignored the British duo's stretching of the event's parameters.
Where most couples concen-

trated on perfecting the waltz, polka or whatever else was required, Torvill and Dean were redefining the limits - at least for themselves. They broke away from formula skating and broke into a different dimension that existed only for them.

The Soviet contenders are perky pair whose playful rendi-tion of "Cabaret" drew rave re-views and high marks at the 1987 world championships. But that was only a portion of their long programme and their moves never approached the limits.



Jabai Amenan, Between 5th Apth Catch

Sunday's medal race. Living up to its Indian name,

Calgary's roads into slush. Plastic of refrigeration pipes designed to

Even with the screens, lugers had difficulty controlling their sleds on thawing stretches of the track at Olympic Park, located at

competitors — Tim Nardiello of the United States and Raymond Ocampo of the Philippines crashed during practice for Sunday's men's singles competition.

During Thursday's training for the men's downhill. Zurbriggen bested his previous day's time by more than three seconds despite a painfully bruised lower left leg an injury he suffered while playing soccer with his Swiss team-

The Swiss ace posted a time of one minute, 59.26 seconds, in the second training run on the redesigned 3,147-metre course that became increasingly rutted due to the above-normal temperatures. His time was 73-hundredths of a second faster than Austrian Gerhard Pfaffenbichler. Another Austrian, Anton Steiner, was third in 2:00.05.

Gusty winds played havoc with the course, hlowing some skiers



Canada's McCall and Tracy Wilson

Seoul hopes for harmony and progress with Summer Games

CALGARY (AP) - With a record number of nations set to attend the Seoul Olympics, the man in charge says he hopes to "catch the two rahbits" of harmony and progress for the Summer Games despite Korea's deep

In an interview that ranged from terrorism to philosophy, Seoul Olympic Organising Committee (SOOC) President Park Seh-Jik said Thursday that the games should aim for athletic and spiritual success

"The two big goals of the universe are barmony and progress," he said. "If you can reach them, that is something to please your God, to please your parents, to please vou teacher. ...

"This is exactly the moment to attain those goals. We can catch the two rabhis. This is the sublime goal and ideals of the Olympic movement.

Not all of Park's musings in the hour-long hreakfast meeting with reporters were so celestial. He spent most of the time discussing North Korea, specifi-cally its efforts to share the games with Seoul and what the South alleges to be its attempts to disrupt Olympic preparations through "terrorism.

Park questioned Pyongyang's sincerity through more than two years of negotiations on the co-

"I wisb I knew their sincerity, their honest desire to take part and be involved in the Olympic movement," he said. "If their sincerity exists, it would be easier to solve this problem. It would mean more compassion for each

Despite the North's announcement that it will boycott the games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is still trying to reach a settlement that would bring the North and two boycotting allies, Cuba and Ethiopia, to Seoul, where they would join athletes from the 161 nations already entered.

With 219 days left until the games begin. Park said he did not know if a settlement could be



The national football team of Jordan beat Romania's Asociate Sportiva Almata (ASA) 1-0 in a friendly match played in Amman Friday. Scorer

shows Jordan's defender Issam Talei (No: 6 white) clearing the ball before it reaches a Ro forward (photo by Yousef Al Allan)

OC maintains blue-blooded line

By Stephen Parry

CALGARY — There aren't too many paupers around, hut the International Olympic Committee (IOC) can boast a posse of

Three princes, one English lord, one French count and Princess Nora of Liechtenstein ensure the continuation of the hluehlooded line which has been a feature of the IOC since the Olympic movement was founded hy Baron Pierre de Coubertin in

But other changes are afoot, While the Olympic governing body has not entirely shrugged off its image of dusty dotards sitting in serried ranks, the age of the dilettante is fading.

The games themselves are professional and so, increasingly, is the manner in which Olympic administrators conduct their

As the tide of professionalism has swept over de Coubertin's rigid 19th century sporting code, so too the gifted amateurs of earlier decades are being replaced by administrators who know full well where the next Olympic dollar is coming from.

The Olympics are hig husiness. The IOC itself, in terms of cash and property, is worth an esti-mated \$45 million, but that's only

the beginning of the story.

The marketing of the movement's emblem, the five Olympic rings, is expected to generate more than \$100 million this year, while the sale of television rights for next week's Winter Olympics Calgary and the Scoul Games in September will produce an estimated total of \$750 million.

"As the sums involved have increased, so too has the recognition that we must act in a more professional manner," Dick Pound, a Canadian member of the IOC executive board, told Reuters.

"But we haven't deliberately sought out IOC members who have a professional background. It's been good luck rather than good management," he added. Members no longer have to pay

for their IOC travel, so personal wealth is no longer a criterion for membership. Pound also said younger, more active people were being elected and that improvements in travel and com-

munications meant more members were able to attend meetings.

The age of IOC members ranges from Prince Albert of Monaco, the youngest at 29, to count Jean de Beaumont of France, the oldest at 84. De Beaumont became the senior IOC member last year when Vladimir Stoychev, commander of the Bulgarian army in World War II, resigned at the age of 95.

The 87-member IOC, littered with millionaire industrialists, politicians and diplomats, has long been labelled the most exclusive club in the world. You can't apply to join and you

can't huy your way in. Admission is by invitation ouly and must be approved by the IOC president, a post filled since 1980 by Juan Antonio Samaranch, former Spanish amhassador to Moscow.

The Olympic Charter empha-sises that members are the representatives of the IOC in their countries. They are not their countries' delegates to the IOC, a distinction sometimes lost on governments seeking to use the Olympics for political mileage. The flavour of the IOC may be

less exotic than in previous decades but it remains exclusively a forum for high achievers and large egos.

Personal charm

Personal charm is common among members, but the aura of power is unmistakeable and nowhere is this more evident than in Samaranch himself. Aged 67, he is slight, dapper and quietly spoken. A tireless worker, be exercises daily and bas the sort of nable stamina that enabled him to visit over 150 countries during the past eight

Although be is sometimes seen as autocratic by other members, Samaranch is widely respected for his pragmatism, determination and overall grasp of world

His diplomatic efforts are generally considered to have played a large part in minimising any threat of a fourth successive boycott of the Summer Olympics following North Korea's insisteuce on a share of the Seoul

"Samaranch is a dogged, deter-mined terrier, a diplomat with a glohal view," was Pound's description of the man many expect him to succeed.

and telephone.



Princess Anne

Princess Anne named **IOC** member

CALGARY (AP) - Britain's Princess Anne was among five new members named Thursday to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

An announcement by the world sports body said Princess Anne would replace Lord Luke as the IOC member from Britain. He is retiring after 37 years hut remains an honorary member. Other new members were named for Colombia, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand and Mauritius, the IOC said. There are 88 members of the organisation.

A member of the British de-legation in Calgary said the appointment of Princess Anne was no surprise.

"There's been speculation in the British press for some time. The only thing that took us hy surprise was Lord Luke's retirement. We didn't expect him to retire until September after the Summer Olympics," said Brian Allinson, deputy chef de mission.

Princess Anne was to arrive here Friday to visit British athletes and watch them make final preparations for the Winter

Princess Anne, the equestrian competitor at the 1976 Olympics, joined Fidel Mendoza of Colombia, Wu Ching-Kuo of Taiwan, Tay Wilson of New Zealand and Ram Ruhee of Mauritius on the IOC.

minutes 49 seconds ahead of Saeed Al Hajri of Qatar in an

Toyota Celica Turbo Friday, the

Qatari News Agency reported. Ibn Sulayem and his Irish co-driver Ronan Morgan finished

has just supplied it. In the space of one month, Colin Harvey's battle-scarred

team has played seven F.A. cup games and two league matches. That's II games in exactly four weeks - almost three a week.

Tuesday night.
"It's a tribute to the club and

Four games were needed against Sheffield Wednesday in

the previous round, then three more against Second Division Middlesbrough, which proved a stuhborn, durable opponent.

Ironically, it took a late own goal by Middlesbrough's Tony Mowbray to give Everton a 2-1 victory Tuesday night, and a place in the last 16 of Europe's piggest domestic knockout club competition.

not be more enticing, a fifthround. home tie against crosstown neighbour Liverpool, a clash that ensures one of the two Merseyside giants missing out on the final at Wembley next May. Until last Sunday, another route to Wemhley loomed even

larger for Everton in the shape of the Littlewoods Cup, England's great interest in the town.

the two-day rally, the first round of the Middle East championship. the 818-km event in three hours 57 minutes and 22 seconds, two The other rounds will be held in Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman

Third was Lebanese Micbel

Organisers said 19 cars entered

Saich, also in an Audi Quattro,

Everton back in focus after 11 games in 4 weeks

Ibn Sulayem edges Hajri

DOHA (R) — Middle East motor rally champion Mohammed Ibn Sulayem of Duhai won Saleh, also in

over two minutes in Oatar

the Qatar International Rally in a - less than seven minutes behind

the winner.

LONDON (AP) — The toughest league in the world is how the nine-month long English soccer season is described year after year by the national media. second knockout competition.

If ever the claim needed proof, First Division champion Everton

"Everton are fantastic to have played so many big cup-ties and come through again," said Bruce Riocb, whose Middlesbrough team were finally toppled by the league champions in an F.A. cup fourth round, second replay

its management;" Rioch said. The seven matches Everton needed to reach round five of the F.A. cup is a post-war record.

The prize for Everton could

But for once, Everton's committed players could not find their touch when they most needed it.

In the semifinal, first leg, Everton lost I-0 at home to Arsenai, holders of the trophy, and will need a mighty effort in the second leg later this month to wipe out the deficit and prevent the

cessive Littlewoods final! Everton is back to the nitty gritty of league action on Saturday, trying — like the rest of the First Division — to make up ground on runaway leader Liver-

The league champions host Queens Park Rangers, while Liverpool defends its remarkable unbeaten league record at struggling Watford

If Liverpool can preserve its unbeaten run for another five matches, it will smash the English record of 29 games, set by Leeds United in 1974. Most of the attention Saturday

will centre on former Watford striker John Barnes, whose form has been electrifying ever since he was transferred to Liverpool. Barnes, who never fully realised his potential at Watford, has been transformed since putting on a Liverpool shirt and is now regarded as the most dangerous forward in Britain.

Liverpool's goalscoring machine dried up last weekend when it was surprisingly held 0-0 at home by West Ham, and Watford manager Steve Harrison said he fancied his team's chances of becoming the first team to beat the Meyseysiders in the league. The return of Barnes in par-

ticular, Harrison said, has created

AUDITIONS

The Amman Players will be holding auditions for their next production, a comedy version of Macbeth. These auditions shall take place at the Haya Cultural Centre on Saturday Feb. 13, 1988 between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

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AFM daily trading

AMMAN (Petra) — Average tage of 2.2 followed by the insurdaily trading of shares totalled JD ance sector which registered 1.4 490,996 during last week, according to statistics released by the Amman Financial Market

The statistics showed that the number of shares traded during the week amounted to 2,426,946 for a total volume of JD 2,454,984 implemented through 2,506 contracts.

On the sectoral level, industry ranked first for a total of JD 2,031,353 which represented 82.8 per cent of the overall trading volume. The industry sector also registered a rise of 2.5 per cent over last week's trading volume.

The banking sector ranked second with total trading volume of JD 334,476, or 13.6 per cent of the overall figure. The services sector came third with a percenJordan Times' Sunday's issue.

ance sector which registered 1.4 per cent of the total volume of trading.

The statistics revealed that shares of banks, insurance and service companies maintained relatively stable prices throughout the week, while shares of industrial companies registered an increase.

The general index figure registered a closing price of 117.3 while the opening price was 117.2, thus achieving a rise of 0.1

Shares of 73 public shareholding companies were traded last week. Prices increased for 26 firms, while prices for 22 entities dropped and the remaining 25 remained stable.

OAPEC advocates closer inter-Arab averages JD 490,996 cooperation through petroleum trade

and exchange of petroleum products and gas is an important basis for cooperation between oilexporting and oil-importing Arab

An editorial in the February issue of the "Bulletin." a publication of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), recalls that such cooperation was advocated by the OAPEC ministerial council when it finalised guidelines for the organisation's 1987-91 activities.

This would necessitate closer cooperation between OAPEC countries and other Arab nations through the support of pan-Arab institutions such as the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation so that they can attract investments required for the industrialisation process and protect themselves from economic from developed countries.

"Priority must be given to the exploitation of the pan-Arab market if the Arab economy is to be developed," the editorial says, adding that the pan-Arab market bas the potential for rapid

The best way of exploiting Arab markets is to establish and support joint ventures guaranteed by inter-Arab treaties, argues the editorial.

"If the OAPEC-sponsored ventures expand and coordinate their activities, they could constitute a nucleus for initiating other ventures and for exploring new avenues of cooperation that could help build a thriving pan-Arah oil industry," it noted.

The need for markets is stressed hy the Arah petrocbemical industry, writes the "Bulletin."

The availability of markets is a prerequisite to the exploitation of 'economies of scale" which form the basis of the viability of petrochemical plants.

The editorial points ont that the limited size of markets in individual countries requires them to rely increasingly on pan-Arah markets and consolidate their negotiating positions vis-avis the world market.

It also says that Arab energy conferences serve to lay down the framework for Arab economic integration based on the principle of solidarity and mutual benefit.

The "Bulletin" hopes that the fourth Arab energy conference in Baghdad next month will imderline the need for continued support for joint Arab action in energy, particularly oil, which is the main source of Arab energy and revenues.

Heavy Industries Minister Abdul Tawab Al Mullab Huwaish told a news conference productivity had increased by 69 per cent in the last quarter of

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ducing bonuses and profit-sharing schemes.

1987 over the first quarter. He also announced plans for new power stations, a petrochemicals complex and an iron and steel plant.

Huwaish was speaking on the first anniversary of a campaign for economic and administrative reforms ordered by President Saddam Hussein.

The campaign ordered the closure or merger of dozens of state economic organisations, moves to revitalise the private sector and efforts to curb inflation and bureaucracy in Iraq, at war with Iran for more than seven years.

Huwaish said his ministry had given directors and technicians cash incentives of up to 5,000 dinars (\$16,000), double the average annual pay of most workers.

Iraqi heavy industries flourish

Other incentives included monthly bonuses and schemes to share up to 10 per cent of firms' profits, he said. He said his ministry bad cut

total manpower by more than 24,000 by firing expatriates and replacing them with locals, who had proved to be more efficient. The minister announced several major projects, including a

plant to produce a million tyres a year due to open in two years. He said a contract was ready for signing with a foreign firm be did not identify.

The government planned to

construct beds to produce BAGHDAD (R) — The heavy industries in Iraq had 400,000 tonnes of salt annually, achieved dramatic productivity increases by introcutting out the need for imports.

A second petrochemical plant would be built at Basra, close to the warfront with Iran, and another fertiliser plant at Mousel in the north with a capacity of a million tonnes a year.

A second iron and steel plant able to produce a million tonnes of sbeet iron a year would be built in the south, the minister said. He said two new plants would together produce 1,370,000 tonnes of phosphate products annually from the country's buge

reserves.

months.

Hnwaish said bis ministry would huild a 1,280-megawatt power station in western Iraq and a 900-megawatt plant in the north. He said talks had been completed about a project for a power line tn export electricity to neighbouring Knwait.

Trade figure boosts dollar

LONDON (R) — Figures from Washington showing that the U.S. trade deficit continued to narrow in December sent the dollar bounding up in the money markets Friday.

The dollar put on two West German pfennigs to touch 1.7275 Deutschemarks in Europe within minutes of news that the December monthly trade deficit was \$12.20 billion.

That was down from 13.22 hillinn in November and from a record \$17.63 in October.

The dollar also gained value against Japan's currency, touching a high in European trad-ing at 131.70 yen. It had been trading just below 130 ven before the news from Washington which suggested that America's huge trade imbalance with the rest nf the world might now have finally

begun to shrink, U.S. Treasury bonds traded in London rose a full one point in reaction to the news from

New York dealers meanwhile said the dullar rose as high as 1.7275 marks. It was at a 31/2mnnth high against West Ger-

many's currency. Huge U.S. trade deficits have strained the global economy and been a prime cause of a slide in the dollar's value since 1985, as the United States has poured out more dollars to buy goods than foreign investors really wanted to

They have been particularly wary of holding too many dollars since it has seemed that the United States has been ready tn encourage a devaluation of its currency to make its exports

more competitive. The latest trade figures suggest that the dollar's decline since 1985, hy nearly half against other key currencies, has at last begun

to correct the trade imbalance. The dollar steadied later Friday as some players sold to cash in gains. European dealers also said that better U.S. trade figures had to some extent been discounted the market.

London share prices showed a muted response to the news from the United States.

USSR suffers major shortcomings

MOSCOW (R) — A shortage of ball-bearings halted entire sectors of Soviet industry in 1987 showing how vulnerable the centrallyplanned economy is tn small disruptions, the Communist Party

newspaper Pravda said Friday. Factories produced 24 million bali-bearings less than planned, Pravda said, stopping machinery

in many factories. "Sometimes a tiny hitch, at times worth only kopecks, in one place causes a dishalancing chain reaction," it added.

It was reporting nn a Kremlin meeting Thursday which discussed 1987 economic results. Other wnrrying factors which were raised included:

- Reserve stocks worth nearly half a trillion roubles (\$833 hillion) have accumulated in industrial storehouses instead of entering the market, slowing economic

— More than 25 per cent of industrial firms exceeded planned production costs last year, and in the key engineering sector the figure reached nearly 50 per cent. — 13 per cent of Soviet indus. try and 22 per cent of Soviet agriculture made losses in 1987. — 23 per cent of Soviet industry as a wbole failed to meet state

production targets (47 per cent in

of 12 hillion rouhles (\$200 bil-

lion).
The government meeting Minister addressed by Prime Minister Niknlai Ryzhkov and other ministers was called following the conversion of 60 per cent of Soviet industry to new, more autonomous "self-financing" operating conditions on Jan. 1 this year.

Pravda said the affected firms. faced a dilemma: If they used their available funds to meet state production nrders, they did not have enough left over to pay their workers or to make new capital investments to ensure future

The self-financing conversion, key plank of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's economic restructuring drive, makes firms responsible for their own income and outlay as state subsidies are eased nut.

But prices are still set by the state, which also hands down production orders mounting in some cases to 95 per cent or more of a firm's output capacity. Soviet critics say this cripples industry's ability to function efficiently.

The Pravda report, written by deputy editor-in-chief Dmitri Valoyoy, said major losses were still being incurred due in waste and embezzlement. It said inefficient use of material resources from metals to energy inflicted buge economic damage.

On the more positive front, Valovoy said the atmosphere at the government meeting contrasted sharply with those held hefore Gorbachev took office in March 1985.

In those days, he said, the ministers contented themselves with self-congratulation regardless of how appalling were the

economic results. But at Thursday's meeting the Gorhachev-appointed team assessed the facts critically and called for "iron discipline" to make his economic reforms take

Soviet Union plans full convertibility of rouble

The Soviet Union has a long-term goal of a fully convertible rouble as part of its drive to increase foreign trade and reform its economy, a senior Soviet official said earlier this mouth.

Ivan Ivanov, deputy chairman of the State Commission for Foreign Economic Relations, told a world economic forum: "We have changed the system of our economic planning.

The Soviet Union was streamlining its bureaucracy for projects Western companies, and would now allow foreign partners veto power in joint ventures in the Soviet Union.

Economists forecast sharply lower Japanese trade surplus in January year earlier, compared with the \$1-\$2 billing drops during past that rate of growth for a while.

TOKYO (R) — Japan's trade surplus in January, to he annunced Monday, is likely to plunge to nearly half the \$4.3 billion level registered last year,

"That would mark the ninth straight month of declines and help confirm that Japan's trade halance is improving," said Soichiro Akahane, economist for the Bank of Tokyo.

Imports have accelerated from the stronger yen, which has lo-wered the costs of foreign goods, and from the spirited domestic economy, which has increased Japanese hunger for more of the cheaper products made overseas, econnmists said. There has been no sign that

import growth has peaked either," said David Gerstenhaber, senior economist for Morgan Stanley International. "Not only has growth been rapid, it is still accelerating."

Even when excluding such vari-able goods as gold and mineral fuels, imports have shown a steady rise during the past quarters, he said.

Richard Jerram, economist for Kleinwort Benson International, who sees a 40 per cent surge in imports in January, said he does

not expect much slowing from

"Imports should show an average of 30 per cent growth over the next few months," he said.

Jerram said exports also could rise to a double-digit figure in January hut considers that growth to be a aberration due to the recent weaking of the dollar.

A lower dollar forces exporters

to raise their prices of goods, thus boosting the value of their shipments even though volume remains unchanged.

Akahane said he believes export growth slowed in January. Exports had been particularly high in January last year because of active Japanese car shipments to the European Community, he said. The Japanese car makers had used all their quota before the end of 1986 so they stepped np their shipments to Europe at the start of 1987, he added.

"But January this year, there were no such special factors," Akahane said.

Japan has already reported its overall trade data for the first 20 days of January, which showed a deficit of \$518 million against a \$990.8 million surplus a year ear-

A shortfall for the first part of January is not unusual.

New year bolidays often distort the data hy causing imported. goods to build up at the ports from late December and all must pass quickly through customs when the bobdays end. Trade usually normalises by

the last 10 days of the month. are usually shipped in the first 20 days of the month. That means more than half of the exports

come in the last 10 days," Gerstenhaber said. All the economists predicted the full January figures would swing hack to a surplus from the interior deficit, with the median

forecast at a \$2.4 billion surplus. The forecasts ranged between surpluses of \$1.9 hillion and \$2.8

billion. In December, Japan's trade surplus was \$8.6 billion, down

come as Japanese exporters, aiming to avoid the new year holiday period, shipped nff goods in December it normally would have sent in January, economists said.

The small decrease may have

"January's figures may confirm that December's figure was out of line and the trend for the Japanese surplus is definitely down," Gerstenhaber said.

U.S., ASEAN plan study for expanding trade

The United States and the six countries of the Associatinn nf Sonth East Asian Nations (ASEAN) ended their annual dialogue with plans for a study on expanding trade and investment while disagreeing on some specific economic issues.

A joint statement Thursday night said the United States renewed assurances to ASEAN delegates that President Ronald Reagan would veto current textile legislation affecting ASEAN exports if it wins final U.S. Senate passage. The statement said be also would veto the omnibus trade bill unless substantial changes are made in the current version: The Reagan administration regards both as protectionist.

as U.S. rice subsidies, tin stockpiles and anti-dumping tariffs were discussed as differences among friends who share com-

Disagreements over such issues

The study bopefully would be co. pleted by the end of the year, Wallis said.

The two-day session was soured by a new dispute over next year's planned remnyal of Singapore from the list of nations enjoying U.S. duty-free concessions intended for developing countries. Both sides were as far apart as ever and the other five ASEAN countries voiced solidarity with Singapore. The five are Brunei. Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

the chemical industry and 56 per cent in machine-building), resulting in economic production losses

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new investments. Don't provoke a
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Handle an important discussion
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troublesome today, so don't RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try

Jul. 21) Gat your chores and other you have to contact a superior, do duties finished up early in the day, so in the afternoon for best results.

Plan time for some recreation, but Driving may be dangerous today.

GENERAL TENDENCIES: your shopping and errands early. This is a good day to make any Have lunch with a good friend. changes or improvements which SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) self-reliant. Don't lose your temper priority today, so do your best to over any unexpected delays or improve them. If your property problems this evening.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Sbares stood mixed in late trading despite news of a smaller than generally expected December U.S. trade deficit. with the continuing absence of institutional interest preventing a rally, dealers said. At 1530 GMT Friday the FTSE 100 share index was np just 3.0 points at 1,732.8 with volume at 1500 GMT a patry 239 million shares. The December U.S. trade shortfall was \$12.2 billion compared with \$13.2 billion in the previous month and many market estimates of around \$13.75 billion. However, dealers noted that some players had been revising their forecasts downward in recent days. Dealers were mainly disappointed with the muted reaction to the figure. "Until the institutions are tempted hack into this market I can't see it going anywhere," one trader said. He predicted the FTSE index would continue to trade within its current trading range of between 1,700 and 1,800 at least until the U.K. hudget nn March 15. London's reaction to the figure appeared to be at odds with its recent preoccupation with the trend on Wall Street, which after a besitant start staged a fairly strong rally.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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| 1.3933/43 | Swiss francs |
| 35.48/52 | Belgian francs |
| 5.7320/50 | French francs |
| 1251/1252 | Italian lire |
| 129.75/85 | Japanese yen |
| 6.0620/70 | Swedish crowns |
| 6.4540/90 | Norwegian crowns |
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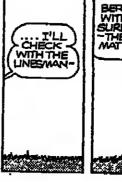


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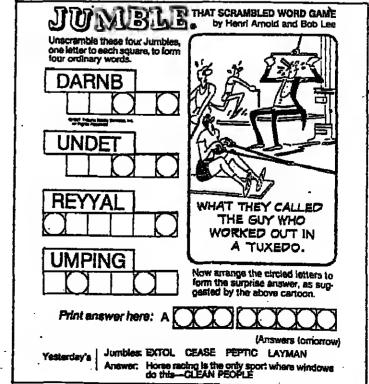


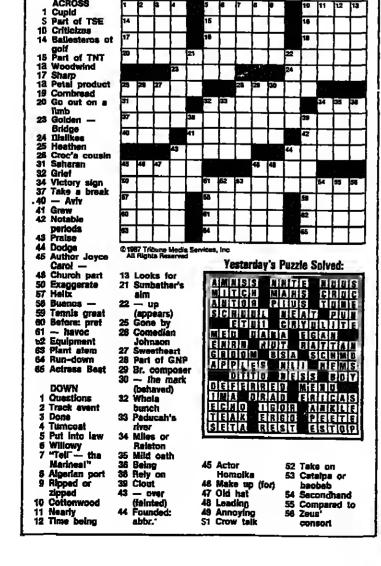






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THE Daily Crossword by Virginia L. Yates

Arias urges Soviets to halt arming C. American rebels

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — President Oscar Arias, main author of a Central American peace plan, urged Moscow to halt arms shipments to insurgents in the region. He said Mikhail Gorbachev's new image would be tested now.

Peace Prize for drafting the peace accord signed last August by himself and the presidents of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras.

Arias said in a message broadcast nationwide Thursday on radio and television: "We must struggle, with the help of the whole world, so that the shipment of arms to insurgents in the re-

Then he directed the call specifically at the Soviet Union. He said the image being fostered hy Soviet leader Gorhachev — less dogmatic and relatively tolerant would be put to the test in Central America.

"He (Gorhachev) should cease all armed support, direct or indirect by means of Cuha and Nicaragua, to insurgent forces." Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador have been waging an 8-year-old guerrilla war against the U.S.backed government there. The guerrillas reportedly receive some of their weapons from East Bloc supporters who channel the arms through Cuha and Nicar-

The guerrillas deny the reports of outside military aid. They say their arms are purchased on the international black market or captured from government

forces.
"Today there is a chance for peace like never before in Central America," said Arias, "an opportunity for democracy in Latin America like never before. There is a last chance to defeat poverty and to prevent misery, protected by dictatorships, from perpetuating itself."

He expressed the hope that Nicaragua will move resolutely toward making its society more democratic, and that peace talks between combatants in both Nicaragua and El Salvador will resume and bear fruit.

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"I will get the recommenda-tions first of the secretary of

defence." she told reporters in a

The army civil relations head

called on Wednesday for emergency

powers to comhat a planned guer-

rilla New People's Army (NPA)

summer offensive near Manila

and an accelerated assassination

campaign in the capital. There

was no immediate reaction by the

Aquino's spokesman. Teodoro

Benigno, said that no meeting of

the security council or the

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Aquino considers state of

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MANILA (R) — President Cora-zon Aquino said she was con-Now we have anything between

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now allowed by law.

Arias won the 1987 Nobel between war and peace," he said. Ceasefire negotiations between U.S.-hacked contra rebels and representatives of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government are to resume next week in Guate-

> Peace talks between the two sides in El Salvador have stalled. The government says they will not be resumed until after legislative and municipal elections

The Arias accord demands ceasefires in Nicaragua, El Salva-dor and Guatemala: greater freedom and democracy throughout Central America; an end to outside aid to insurgent forces in the region, and a halt to the use of any country's territory as a base for attacks on another nation.

Reagan criticises lawmakers

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan criticised House lawmakers for refusing aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, saying the lawmakers yanked the cluh from his "carrot and stick" policy of pressuring the government for democratic reform.

'We're not giving up on those who are fighting for their freedom, and they aren't giving up either," Reagan said Thursday night in a speech prepared for delivery to the annual conservative political action conference

dinner. The U.S. president said the House of Representative's refusal to approve his \$36.2 million contra aid request "was a setback to the national security interests of the United States and a sad moment for the cause of peace and freedom in Central America."

"Until now, the carrot and stick approach has worked in forcing a Communist regime to relax some of its repression," Reagan told the crowd of consume and bear fruit.

"It is they who must choose servatives, political soul-mates who helped him win the White

22,000 and 24,000 Communists,"

Benigno said democracies in

the Third World had never suc-

ceeded in defeating Communist

insurgencies. "It is only here that it is being tried out."

The insurgency is entering its

problems House in both 1980 and again in

"But now the action by the House of Representatives removes one part of that formula, and goes only with the carrot," he

"The effect of this vote then was to trust the promises of democracy of the Sandinista Communists — the kind of promises that no Communist regime in history has ever carried out," he said, "and that this regime was likely to carry out only under

continued pressure. "This course is - and 1 repeat - a risk to national security."

Reagan said.
The House last Wednesday voted 219-211 against the aid package, which would have consisted mostly of humanitarian assistance, with a \$3.6 million military set-aside for use at the end of March if there were no

The Senate passed the measure the following day, hut that vote was only symbolic.

While Reagan administration officials have said they accept the will of the House and have sent out word to staff members that they cannot support or assist private fund-raising efforts, Reagan said the issue is far from dead.

"I'll have more to say on this in a few weeks," he said. "For now, I'll leave it at this: Get ready, the curtain hasn't fallen, the drama continues..., Last week's vote was not the final word, only a pause." White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater said earlier that administration officials have been told to avoid any association with private fund-raising efforts for

the Nicaraguan contra rebels. The word of caution was contained in a memo signed by White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker Jr. and National Security Adviser Colin Powell. It was made public by Fitzwater at the

daily White House news hriefing. The Baker-Powell memo said "no administration official should give assistance or encouragement of any kind" to private fundraising efforts "prompted by the recent rejection of the aid package in Congress."

Honduran officers linked to drug dealers

NEW YORK (AP) - Major drug operations in Honduras are army officers and a powerful drug dealer with past ties to the Panamanian military leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, a published report Friday says.

Brigadier-General Honesto The New York Times quoted Isleta told reporters on Thursday U.S. officials and Honduran polithe army would push for wider nical leaders in its Friday editions powers against Communists, inas saying drug traffickers had cluding authority to detain suscorrupted army officers and pects for longer than the 36 hours offered money to political parties while buying businesses and land "We want something like the to launder drug profits.

national security act ... in Malaysia and Singapore," Isleta "This is something that could get out of hand," a senior official in President Ronald Reagan's Malaysia's internal security act administration told the newspapallows indefinite detention wither. "We can't compete with the kind of money the Colombian "We should have a limited dealers are offering, and once the state of emergency where the president declares there is an army is corrupted we can't con-

> The Times said senior political and husiness leaders in Honduras warned last week during interviews that the country was in danger of becoming a major drug-dealing centre.

Afghan settlement faces huge

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) -New diplomatic moves have brought a wave of optimism for a settlement of the nine-year war in Afghanistan. But major problems remain to be solved.

The Soviets, who have fought in the brutal conflict for the past eight years, have taken the initiative by announcing they want to withdraw their troops this year. On Feh. S, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev went so far as to set a starting date of May 15 provided U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva between Kabul and Islamabad reach an accord 60 days

before that. In a 2,000-word statement, Gorhachev also howed to a Washington demand that the greater proportion of Red Army troops could leave during the first phase. He also said the pullout would not be contingent on the formation of an interim Afghan government.

U.N. mediator Diego Cor-dovez and Pakistani officials, however, have cautioned that two key problems remain: The logistics of a phased Soviet withdrawal and its relation to the formation of a transitional Afghan government that would preside over it.

Pakistani officials acknowledge privately that the March 2 date for the resumption of the Geneva. talks means they may have to exert new pressure on the guerrillas to compromise their tough stance against any power sharing - even temporarily - with

Kabul's Marxist government. Islamabad itself has refused to recognise the successive governments of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), which seized power in a bloody April 1978 coup. Soviet forces intervened in December 1979 to exchange one PDPA government for another, and Afghan Communist leader Najih replaced the ailing Babrak Karmal as party chief in May 1986.

Nevertheless, Pakistan recently has made clear it won't reject a future PDPA role, at least in an interim Afghan government. Asked at an Islamabad news conference whether that might be worked out after Geneva, State Minister for Foreign Affair Zain

Noorani replied: "Why do you come to the conclusion that a legitimate, responsible, broad-based government will not be in power hy the time the agreement is ready for

signature? If that was optimism on Noorani's part, the resistance leaders didn't share it.

The guerrilla alliance promptly issued a statement reiterating its demand for an all-Mujahedeen government.

Soviets launch new bid to halt 'Nordic arms race'

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union Friday announced a new parliamentary initiative aimed at halting what was described as an arms race in the Nordic seas.

The Soviet News Agency TASS said the Foreign Affairs Commissions of both houses of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) had addressed an appeal to parliamentary bodies in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Canada and the United

The appeal said "unfavourable trends" in the Nordic zone included a build-up of military sea power and intensified U.S. and NATO exercises in the North Atlantic at a time when arms control efforts were producing results in other fields.

"We are certain that drastic reduction in military confrontation in the north of our planet would meet the supreme interests of all countries of that region and of all mankind," the appeal said.

Scandinavian countries and the United States.

The appeal followed a six-point plan for northern security prop-osed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev last October.

It called for NATO-Warsaw pact talks on curbing military activity in the Baltic, North, Norwegian and Greenland seas. the establishment of a nuclear weapons-free zone in northern Europe and the opening of the Soviet northern sea route to foreign ships if world relations

Friday's appeal said Gor-bachev's plan had laid the basis for dialogue which should now get underway through diplomatic and political channels.

It said Soviet parliamentarians sought in the immediate future to hold working meetings, seminars and television-hridge dehates with the Foreign Affairs Commissions of the parliaments of the Scandinavian countries, Canada

Evidence 'indicates' Soviet military activity in Alaska

GAMBELL, Alaska (AP) -Soviet commandos may be stag-ing covert landings on a U.S. island in the Bering Sea, say officials who point to discoveries of Soviet military gear and sightings of mysterious strangers who ran away.

An increasing number of re-ports of unidentified aircraft, submarines, swimmers in scuba gear and discarded Soviet military equipment have been turned in to U.S. intelligence agencies, official said during a visit this week.

Although many sightings have occurred on or over mainland Alaska, the greatest number have come from St. Lawrence Island, a treeless, sparsely populated is-land just 40 miles (64 kilometres) south east of Siberia. Mainland Alaska, which is pre-

dominantly a mountainous, glaci-ated wilderness, is about 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometres) north west of the contiguous United Most of the reports come from

the Alaska Army National Guard's three scout battalions made up of eskimoes, the Arctic region's indigenous people. The sconts are called "the eyes and ears of the north.'

"I don't want to speculate," said Maj.-Gen. John Schaeffer, commander of the Alaska Guard. "We don't have a Soviet person on hand so we can completely verify this, but circumstantial evidence is that they're conducting some activity on the island. They're doing it around the world they can find," he said. - in Scandinavia and the Philip-

pines — so why not here?"

The island's largest villages are

shoreline collects debris from a variety of sources, much of it from fishing boats working the Bering Sea.

"St. Lawrence Island is a heachcomber's paradise," said Sgt. 1st Class Renard Nichols, with the Guard's 1st Scout Battalion in Nome. "What we concern ourselves with is a something like a Soviet-made battery found two miles inland. And when we hear about a frogman and there aren't any (fishing) boats around, that

sets the alarm bells ringing."
Other items generating official curiosity include a Soviet liferaft found half-huried above a deserted beach, a Soviet gas mask with filters for a new chemical agent, shoulder board insignia from Soviet uniforms, fuel drums with Soviet markings and fresh boot prints headed inland.

"There have been lots of reports about humans on the island," said 1st Lt. Reuben Nicholson, who commands the island's company of Eskimo scouts. "But the people have run and we could not identify who they are. We know they are not from the island. People on the island do not run from each

Nicholson said several American oil companies have interests in the area, and fishermen and crahbers often work their boats'

just offshore.
"Some of these people may be coming onto the island to piffer whatever ivory (from walruses)

Unlike several islands in the Aleutian chain to the south, St. and Savoonga near its centre. equipment that might attract The 100-mile-long island's Soviet attention, officials said.

Lawrence has no top-secret milit-Gambell on the north west side ary installations or supersensitive

Family of 5 die in new Brazil mudslide PETROPOLIS, Brazil (AP) - A mudslide huried a hillside home and killed a family of five in this resort city near Rio de Janeiro on the ninth day of heavy rains and flooding that has left 195 dead and 8,776 homeless.

"The situation is getting worse. We are in a war situation," Mayor Paulo Rattes told a news conference.

The torrential rains also hit low-lying slums north of Rio, where 7 million people live. Rivers overflowed, turning whole re-Avila, a spokesman for Rio de room, stick-and-mud shack.

Janeiro state's Civil Defence

But it was Petropolis, a city of 300,000 people 65 kilometres north of Rio, that again bore the brunt of the storm's fury Thursday. Avila said floods and mudslides have killed 162 and left 3,614 homeless, while 33 have died in other cities around the

Jorge Texeira, 35, his 30-year-old wife Sonia and their children Flavia, 12, Lucio, 10 and Georgia, 6, were killed Thursday when

A neighbouring hut was hadly damaged and its three occupants were hospitalised.
"I heard an incredible noise

then people shonting for help, family friend and neighbour Francisco Freitas said. "I rushed to the Texeira's home hut saw there was no hope of pulling them out alive from the thick mnd."

Col. Edson Silva, head of rescue operations, said officials were evacuating other hillside resi-"It doesn't look like the rains

will let up," he said. "We can expect more mudslides in the next few days. Our chief concern now is to remove families from the mountain slopes."

gions into lakes and forcing more a pine tree-covered mountainside than 4,800 people to seek above their home slipped away emergency shelters, said Bruno and roared down over their three-

Haig may become 1st presidential campaign casualty East-West vulnerable and 40. West enemy suit, East's double was Im-MANCHESTER, New Hamp-shire (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander

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tion.
"I can't comment on that,"

Campaign Manager Brian

Sweeney said Thursday. Asked if

Haig had any campaign appear-

ances planned after his news con-

ference, Sweeney said, "at this

Haig was not available for com-

The Washington Post and the

Dallas Times Herald reported in

Friday's editions that Haig would

announce that he was dropping

out and endorsing U.S. Sen. Bob

Dole, who won the Iowa caucuses

Monday and whose campaign is

showing strength in New Hamp-

shire, which holds a primary

The Republican and Democra-

tic parties - the two major poli-

tical parties in the United States

- selects their nominee for presi-

dent at a convention prior to the

In the months leading up to the

November general elections.

peccable.

West led the king of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. A club to the queen won, and the club return to the jack was taken by the ace. Since the club suit was now established, a trump return would not have helped the defense, so West persevered with a diamond.

insurgency war," he declared.

Declarer ruffed, cashed the king of clubs for a heart discard and led a heart. West took the ace and returned the suit to dummy's king. The queen of spades was covered by the king and won in hand. A heart ruff was followed by a diamond ruff, bringing declarer's total to eight tricks and reducing the hand to this interesting post

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When declarer now led a club. the trump spots worked in a pecullar way. If West ruffed, his forced red-suit return would allow declarer to score his trump ten en passant. If he did not ruff, declarer would ruff with the table's four, forcing East to overruff with the jack and setting up the ten as the

conventions, each state branch of the national party selects delegates to the national party gather-Haig Jr., mired at the bottom of the Republican Party's presiden-tial pack, has scheduled a news ing either through primary nominating elections or caucuses.

The Post cited an unidentified "well-informed Republican conference to discuss the future of his campaign amid reports that source" for its information, while the Times Herald attributed its story to an unidentified "leading Dole operative." An aide refused to say whether he's dropping out of the race for his party's presidential nomina-

Haig received less than 1 per cent of the vote in the Iowa caucus. Commenting on the Iowa results Monday night, Haig said, "I'm in it to the bitter end and that bitter end may be the inability to raise enough money to stay

The 63-year-old former White House chief of staff and NATO commander had hoped to challenge the front-runners in New Hampshire, using a combination of different positions on the issues and often sharply worded attacks.

But nothing seemed to attract a following to Haig. A poll by the U.S. broadcasting network CBS released Thursday said he was supported by only 2 per cent of Republicans who said they were likely to vote in Tuesday's presidential primary.

Haig has attracted the most campaign attention with his stinging attacks on Vice President

ly about the Iran-contra affair. In one televised dehate, seizing on Bush's contention that he has served as President Ronald Reagan's "co-pilot," Haig won-dered aloud whether the vice president was riding economy-class in the back of the plane when the Iran arms sale was being planned.

Bush was asked whether his campaign is finished if he loses in New Hampshire.

"No it's not finished." Bush told the NBC Television Network Wednesday.

The vice president said he and President Ronald Reagan hadn't discussed the trouncing he took in Iowa at the hands of Pat

Roberton continued to crow ahout his surprise second-place finish in Iowa, and lectured reporters who described him as a former Television Evangelist. The former Baptist minister termed the tag a "bigoted slur," saying he preferred to be called a religious broadcaster.

The ABC-Post Poll indicated that Robertson remained well behind the front-runners in New Hampshire, but had made greater gains over a survey a week ago

than they did. On the Democratic side, Rep.

He has needled Bush repeated-vabout the Iran-contra affair. In talise on his first-place finish in lowa. Although Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis still enjoys a comfortable lead in New Hampshire, which borders Massachusetts, the poll indicated a surge in support for the Missouri

Sen. Paul Simon, who finished close second to Gephardt in Iowa, also rolled up an increase in New Hampshire, but a slightly smaller one.

Both Dukakis and Simon made Gephardt their principal target as they campaigned in New Hampshre. Simon was launching a new ad campaign in the state Thursday, hammering away at the theme that Gephardt's populist campaign themes don't match up with his voting record.

Dukakis, meanwhile, attacked Gephardt for voting for Reagan's 1981 tax cut. But the Massachusetts governor added, "I hope we will not slip into the kind of spectacle we've been seeing on the Republican side... bashing each other around,"

Those who finished back in the pack in Iowa found themselves dogged by questions about how long they could hang on. "I've got a 50-state campaign and will go all the way," said

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Unemployed Scotsman wins £1m fortune

LONDON (AP) — An unemployed hotel worker who struggled on £26.50 (\$47) a week in state welfare and frequently slept on park benches Wednesday accepted a winning lottery check for £1 million (\$1.76 million). John McDonald, a 44-year-old Scotsman, won his bonanza on the Littlewoods pools, a nationwide football lottery, with a £1 (\$1.76) stake. McDonald, who has been jobless for four years, snappd his fingers and called "waiter" in jest several times after the handing-over ceremony at a five-star London hotel. He said he would be sharing the prize with Doug Calway, 67, whom he befriended when Calway's wife died 15 years ago. Since then, McDonald said the two of them have led a hand-to-mouth, nomadic existence "doing any menial job we could get." "Hotel work tends to be very seasonal, and sometimes we have had to sleep on park benches or even under Brighton pier" in the southern England resort, he said. "We have served up the grand style of life for others, hut somehow now it's not for us." McDonald said he wanted to "buy a boat to go fishing and get a good rod and then I'll think about a house or maybe a business. It's all too early really to think about it. "I'd like a good woman to look after me, but there is a lot of trouble in marriage." he said. "But with a million pounds, who knows?" He said he also hoped to trace his only bother, Angus, who emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1960s.

Gielgud returns to London stage

LONDON (AP) - Celebrated actor Sir John Gielgud returned to the London stage after a 10-year absence and won a rapturous five-minute ovalion from the audience at the end of the first-night five-minute ovation from the audience at the end of the first-night show. The 83-year-old Gielgud, last on the London stage in 1977 in Julian Mitchell's play "half life," starred Wednesday night in "the best of friends" by Hugh Whitemore at the Apollo Theatre. Whitemore's play is losely based on letters by Irish-born playwright George Bernard Shaw, who died in 1950 at the age of 94. Gielgud played one of Shaw's correspondents, English eccentric Sir Sydney Cockerell, literary executor of the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, who died in 1962. Sporting a white goatee beard and wing collar, Gielgud acknowledged the cheers and applause with broad smiles. The celebrity audience included fellow veteran actor Sir John Mills, who will be 80 on Feh. 22, movie actress Lauren Bacall, top-selling author Jeffrey Archer, and Actress Dame Judi Dench. Gielgud's first professional appearance was in Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest at London's Old Vic theatre 66 years ago.

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Most widely read author turns 85

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Georges Simenon, the world's most widely-read living author, "officially" turns 85 Friday in strict privacy but with well-wishing telegrams and fan letters piling up at his home. His real hirthday is Saturday but his superstitious mother, who gave birth on "Friday the 13th," predated the event in the civil register of his native liege Belgium, Simenon's secretary, Mrs. Andre Pache-Aitken, said the celebration will be a "purely family affair." She said Simenon "is quite well" but hardly leaves his plain-furnished "maison rose" on the outskirts of Lausanne, a tiny cottage he shares with Teresa, his Italian-born companion. His three sons were expected to join him for the private birthday although his secretary could not confirm this. Not likely to be among the well-wishers was his estranged Canadian-born wife, Denise, who lives in another Lake Geneva town and with whom he is locked in an unending legal

Heavyweight champion Tyson remarries

NEW YORK (R) — Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was remarried Tuesday, — this time legally. Tyson, 21, had secretly married American television actress Robin Givens, 23, in Chicago Sunday in a ceremony performed by Father George Clements. The couple were wed again in a 90-second civil ceremony at the New York City Municipal Building after acquiring the necessary licence to make the marriage legal. Tyson was in New York for a news conference beamed by satellite to Japan to promote his title defence against American Tony Tuhbs on March 21 in Tokyo. "I love all of her," Tyson told reporters. "I love his mind. He has a great heart, whether people know it or not. He is loveable and very special," Givens said.

Media contributed to military suicides

ROME (R) — Forty-seven Italian soldiers killed themselves in 1986 and Defence Minister Valerio Zanone said the mass media were partly to blame. "Experts have seen in the mass media one of the causes for these tragic events. The phenomenon is considered extremely contagious and exercises a strong copy-cat effect on psychologically weak youth," he told parliament recently. The Defence Ministry said 473 members of the armed forces and Carabinieri Paramilitary Police died in 1986. The causes of death varied and included accidental shootings during military operations. Thousands of Italian soldiers staged a day of silence last April in protest against conditions in the armed forces and the media have often highlighted the dissatisfaction of many young conscripts with compulsory military service.

Soviets to trim list of mentally ill

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet psychiatrists said Thursday they expect to remove 2 million people from the government's list of mental patients as part of reforms intended to prevent psychiatric ahuse of healthy people. Modest M. Kabanov, a Leningrad psychiatrist, acknowledged that in the past, some doctors decided "to send people to institutions for instance for reading Bulgakov's works or for reading Pasternak's verses and poems," referring to writers Mikhail Bulgakov and Boris Pasternak. "Of course such mistakes will not be repeated," Kabanov said. Kabanov was among four psychiatrists who spoke at a news conference. Human rights activists have alleged for years that the Soviet Union uses psychiatric hospitals to incarcerate political dissidents who are mentally healthy. Because of the abuses, Britain and the United States considered trying to suspend or expel the Soviet Union from the World Psychiatry Association. The Soviets withdrew from the Association in 1983, before the ouster drive was mounted. Now, the Soviet doctors say they would like to rejoin

Moscow director misses homeland

LONDON (AP) — Soviet stage director Yuri Lyubimov, now living in Israel, says he misses his homeland but welcomes the changes going on there since he was exiled four years ago. "I miss my theatre, my friends and my relatives, but if I want snow I can always go to Canada or Chicago or call on Solzhenitsyn in Vermont," he said in an interview Wednesday night at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. "I also miss the unique Soviet audiences who hunger for something spiritual," he added I unbimov a venue looking 70 lives in Israel with his Honorovice. Lyubimov, a young-looking 70, lives in Israel with his Hungarian wife, Katalin, and son Peter. Another son, Nikita, is in Moscow. Lyubimov was called the Soviet Union's greatest theatrical figure and is among the world's outstanding directors. He talked to the Associated Press at the stage door after an applauded revival of his production of Jenufa by Czech composer Leos Janacek. The director is a friend of Vladimir Solzhenitsyn, who was exiled from the Soviet Union in 1974 for his critical novels first published in the West. He lives in Cavendish, Vermont. Lyubimov ran Moscow's defiant Taganka Theatre and was on a London visit to direct a play in March 1984 when he was told not to return to the Soviet Union. "I was told I wouldn't be allowed to return home -(then Soviet leader Konstantin) Chemenko was half alive at the time and dead 12 months later," the director recalled, speaking through an interpreter.



Gary Hart.